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Wed 0700 WRMI 9955 [new]
Wed 1530 WRMI 9955
Wed 1900 WBCQ 7415
Thu 0530 WRMI 9955
Thu 1900 WBCQ 7415
Fri 0000 WBCQ 5110-CUSB Area 51
Fri 0100 WRMI 9955
Fri 1130 WRMI 9955
Fri 1430 WRMI 9955
Fri 1900 WBCQ 7415
Fri 2028 WWCR1 15825
Sat 0800 WRMI 9955
Sat 0800 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 9510 [except first Sat]
Sat 1630 WWCR3 12160
Sun 0230 WWCR3 5070
Sun 0630 WWCR1 3215
Sun 0800 WRMI 9955
Sun 1515 WRMI 9955
Mon 0500 WRMI 9955
Mon 2200 WBCQ 7415
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955
Tue 1530 WRMI 9955
Tue 1900 WBCQ 7415
Wed 0700 WRMI 9955 [or new 1478 starting here?]
Wed 1530 WRMI 9955
Wed 1900 WBCQ 7415

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Note: publication of this issue was delayed due to computer problems.
9-070 with more recent info will be out ASAP.

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. 15090, Radio Azadi via Kuwait, 1537, Sept. 10.
In vernacular; program with series of long phone conversations;
1540 ID sounded like iRadio Azadi . . . i; tuned out at 1603, still
with phone conversation; mostly poor. Audio:
<http://www.mediafire.com/?2w9dyqtmyqb>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA,
EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. I heard Caribbean Beacon 1610 AM yesterday 7 September at
0503 UT, with the late Dr Gene Scott preaching, so only the shortwave
operation seems affected (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, New Zealand, Ripple
mailing list via DXLD)

** ANGUILLA. Caribbean Beacon still off the air Sept 12, nothing on
6090 at 0510 check, nor on 11775 at various daytime chex. Must be a
fairly serious problem. Bryan Clark in NZ, however, says MW 1610 was
still heard Sept 7 at 0503, so it's only about SW (Glenn Hauser, OK,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. Ol· ‡ todos da lista! Ontem por volta das 18:00 horas
local [2100 UT, but that is supposed to be its sign-off time --- gh],
na chacar· do amigo Dexista Prof. SÈrgio Partamian, em Mairipor, SP,
pudemos ouvir com excelente qualidade de transmiss,ºo e ·udio, em 15476
kHz a RADIO [Nacional] ARCANGEL SAN GABRIEL LRA-36 - ANTARTIDA, e
aproveitei a oportunidade para fazer um arquivo de ·udio com
aproximadamente 70 minutos, que estarei disponibilizando no site
<http://www.radiodx.qsl.br> e no youtube, em breve.

15476, 2103 07/9, R. [Nacional] Arc. ngel San Gabriel LRA-36 Ant. rtida, espanhol, Programa com musicas instrumentais e cantadas, ID da r. dio com endereÁos da internet e para correspondÍncia, 45554. Equipamento: Sony ICF-2001D, Antena Loop Blindada RF-Space. Att, (Eduardo L. Castaldelli, Grid Locator: GG66qq, Mairipor,, SP, Brasil, Sept 8, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

So are you saying you started listening at 2103 and recorded it for 70 minutes beyond that to 2213?? (gh, DXLD)

15476 - ANTARCTICA, LRA36, 9-10, 1902, Spanish talk, Argentine vocals, fair-good (Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc WI, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Also heard here 1857-1906 and 2045-2100* on 9/10. Signal initially fair to good on peaks with heavy fading. Recheck at 2045 found very poor signal. I hear LRA36 only once or twice each year, usually in September or October (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, E1 and Attic Mounted Eavesdropper, ibid.) or put another way:

15476, ANTARCTICA. R. N. Arc. ngel San Gabriel (Esperanza Base), 1857-1906, 9/10/2009, Spanish. Argentine ballad music, more classical than pop, with short announcements by man and woman. Moderate signal with deep fades and some good peaks. Recheck at 2045-2100* found poor signal with fading and more ballads, now more pop than classical. My first log of LRA36 this year. Usually hear it a couple of times in September or October (Jim Evans, Germantown TN, E1, Attic Mounted Eavesdropper Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, LRA36 detectable carrier Sept 10 at 1910, 2036 with a bit of music mixing with Greenville DRM, certainly unexpected, but both signals quite weak. Later found that some other North Americans were getting LRA36 better this date (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: As of 1843 on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, I hear signal presumably coming from Antarctica with singing in Spanish through hash and slight buzzing at my QTH. I can say that persistence may have paid off this time. This just using a 23 foot pocket antenna! Base Esperanza in Spanish on 15476 khz! I'm thrilled.73's, (Noble West, Clinton TN, Sangean ATS818ACS, RadioShack 23 Foot Pocket Antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, LRA-36, 1830-1900, Sept 11, very weak with bits & pieces of Spanish ballads, Spanish talk. Tentative (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ARGENTINA. 6059.99, RAE, 2307-2325, Sept 11, Spanish ballads. Spanish talk. ID. Strong but some adjacent channel splatter. Weak on

// 15345.00.

15345.00, RAE, 2040-2055, Sept 11, classical music. ID. French talk. Weak but in the clear (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)
15345.00, RAE, 2215, Sept. 11. Announcement that the President of Argentina would be making a speech; afraid I was ignorant of the fact they have a woman President; sound of applause; she delivers speech amid applause; 2245 romantic music; 2251 sound of CW; the Actualidad DX program; surprised to hear my name mentioned quite a few times with my logs of iVoice of Shangri-Lai (Yunnan), iBeibu Bay Radioi, etc.; ends program with CW again; iRAEi ID; ToH pips; mostly fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [non]. 2368.50, Radio Symban. Have received several emails asking about any reception of this. I check just about every day from about 1230 to 1330, but nothing heard here since August 12 and 13. Certainly hope they can resolve their local problems before this winter's DX season! (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, September 10, dxldyg Via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BIAFRA [non]. Voice of Biafra International was still on 15665 WHRI Sept 4 for the Friday-only 19-20 broadcast, but Sept 11 they had made the switch to 17520. Checking at 1915, at first could not hear anything on either frequency, but persisting on 17520, very weak carrier briefly faded up enough to recognize The Orator. Alan Roe in England also confirms 17520, JBA at 1900, and not audible at 1915. The question is, why the change now and is it really for the better in the target area? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NIGERIA [non] Voice of Biafra International was heard (Just Barely Audible) signing-on on at 1900 on 17520 via WHRI on 11 Sept with their Friday-only broadcast (back here from previous 15665). Nothing heard when I checked back at 1915.

Radio Biafra also heard at 1902 on 12050 via Skelton (according to AOKI/EiBi) on 11 Sept (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4699.287, Radio San Miguel, Spanish, 1120, weak with local music, mention of "Riberalta" during ad string or similar, first time noted in many days. 8 September.

4716.605, Radio Yura, 1023, tentative, Andean music but very tough copy with ute dominating. Slightly better copy in USB. 8 September.

5952.39, Radio Pio XII, 1112, tentative, only brief bits of Spanish talk breaking through. Very weak and sandwiched between two powerhouse signals (5950 and 5955). Needs more work. 8 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia. NRD-535D*, FT-950*, plus: Timewave 599zx and MFJ-959C,

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 3309.98, Radio Mosoj Chaski, 1028, presumed, weak but in the clear with nice local music. Reverb announcements by man at 1030. 10 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia. NRD-535D*, plus: Timewave 599zx and MFJ-959C, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4699.997, Radio San Miguel, 1033, nearly on nominal tonight, which has this about .7 kHz higher than where they were on September 8. Very strong, peaking at S9+20, ad string or similar announcements by a man, two references to "La Paz", time check, into talk by a woman. Possibly the strongest they've ever been here. 10 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia. NRD-535D, FT-950 plus: Timewave 599zx and MFJ-959C, *ibid.*)

** BOLIVIA. 5580.19, Radio San JosÈ, San JosÈ de Chiquitos noted at 1035 with early sign on 3 September (Robert Wilkner, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Ol. † todos da lista, Ainda h. pouco registrei a R. Iguatemi, em transmiss, o simult, nea com a frequencia de 1370 (mw) em 4972 kHz (sw).

1370, 1806 06/9, R. Iguatemi, SP, BRA, Programa com m'sicas sertanejas, ID da r·dio e da rede 55555, elc. [?]

4972, 1806 06/9, R. Iguatemi, SP, BRA, Programa com m'sicas sertanejas, ID da r·dio e da rede. 55555, elc

Radio Sony ICF 2001D, Antena Loop Blindada RF-Sistemas att. (Eduardo, Grid Locator: GG66qq, Mairipor,- SP- Brasil <http://www.radiodx.qsl.br> Sept 6 radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1477, DXLD)

Not reported for quite a while, so reactivated? WRTH 2009 has it *inactive on 4975 (Glenn Hauser, OK, *ibid.*)

** CAMEROON. A carrier detected on 6005.012 kHz with s/off at 1700, Buea? 73, Mauno Ritola, Finland, Sept 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBC R 1 fall sked grid:
<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/pdfs/RadioOneFall09.pdf>

Hidden in a below-the-fold item about a new (once-a week, but twice in the Wednesday) framing program for old news and current items.

"The Story From Here with host Sheila Coles brings you the best Canadian stories from coast to coast to coast! This week, get an

update on the rat plague in Swift Current, SK.

Today at 1 pm and 11 pm on Radio One"

Sheila Coles is the Saskatchewan morning host.
What's in the fall sked?

Repeats: Ideas in the Afternoon (Mon 2 pm)
In the Field ? Tues 1:00
The Choice (old CBC archive stuff) Mon 3:00 in some areas where the
drive-afternoon show doesn't start at 3. (came from Sirius filler)
Your DNTO (Tues 2)
Story from here (Wed 1, and 11)
Writers and Co (Wed 2 rep from Sun)
Quirks and Quarks (Wed 3 Mon 11, rep from Sat)
Dispatches (Thu 1 rep from Sun)
Rewind (Thu 2 and Sun 12 am more archive stuff)
Tapestry (Thur 3 rep from Sun)
And the Winner is (Fri 3, yet more archives much given one of the
thousand awards from the self-congratulatory New York Festival)
Current Review (is a shortened repeat of morning Currant Bun
everynight at 8 pm)
A shorter Q (never short enough) repeated at 10 pm
And horrors, I didn't believe my ears, As It Happens again as As it
Happens--The Midnight shorter edition.

And PromoGit, Jeremy Harris, still hasn't walked away from that
contract promoting CBC TV to the radio folk every 30 minutes.

So new seasons of old shows. I expected that from the unpromoted CBC
summer shows this year. I would rather than CBCOvernight be expanded
to flow like lava over the Midnight AIH, Q etc. to provide with better
programming that doesn't fill the current 4 to 5 hours of CBCO. Argh
(via? Or by? Dan Say alt.radio.networks.cbc via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

For those who are fans of CBC's "As It Happens" (and that would
include me) -- the AIH podcast is now the complete show, not just
excerpts. Handy for listening on a personal audio player (Richard Cuff
/ Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD)

** CANADA. 6070.00, CFRX, English, 0800+, generally in the mush with
the news-talk format, but started peaking nicely with clear "CFRB"
reference by a man at 0834. 9 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia.
NRD-535D*, plus: Timewave 599zx and MFJ-959C, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

[and non]. 6070, CFRX, Sept 10 at 1218 with local Toyota ad; also fast
SAH of about 10 Hz, and no roar from ailing North Korean transmitter

which normally runs until 1250 or so. Therefore, I suspect the SAH, also noted previously around 1256, is from that same NK transmitter which has been remedied at least for now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 1470, CJVB Vancouver BC. Usual three time pips piercing through the noise. Vague Chinese audio after this. W 0400 09/09 JF Although I did not hear an actual vocal ID, those three time pips are very distinctive and seem to be unique to CJVB on 1470. After hearing CJVB several times last year, 'with' and 'without' vocal IDs, I have no doubt that what I heard this morning was indeed CJVB. Not only does the actual timing of the pips vary (they can appear more than a minute after the top of the hour), but the timing between the pips is not quite uniform. Good DX! (John Faulkner, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts., England, Perseus SDR & flag aerial, MWC via DXLD)

** CHAD. I heard 4905 kHz at 1830-2035* UT this early morning (local time). I was not able to copy the contents at all weakly only by drumming confirm at 1930 on Sep. 5.

Audio file of my DX friend : 1929 UT on Sep. 5

http://ani.atz.jp/BCL/mp3/20090906_0429_4905kHz.mp3

(Sei-ichi Hasegawa, Japan, Sept 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6165, RDN Tchadienne, N'Djamena, in French, Sep. 8th, at 2130z with African pop songs. Fair. 34343. 73 (Pedro Turner, CT2KET, Gondomar, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNID ARABIC: I can received on 7119.97 kHz at 1532 on Sep. 10. Koran and OM talk. Audio file: received at 1659 UT on 7120 kHz by my DX friend in Akita. http://ani.atz.jp/BCL/mp3/20090911_0159_7120kHz.mp3 Drumming at 1700. N'Djamena, Chad?? (S. Hasegawa, Japan, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

N'Djamena, Chad, also traced 1721 UT in Germany. Maybe later change from 7120 to 6165 ??? WB (Wolfgang Bischel, Stuttgart, ibid.)

Thanks Wolfy, N'Djamena on 7120 kHz s/off at 1850 *= (S. Hasegawa, ibid.)

Glenn and Ron, The attached signal in Arabic received tonight Sept 10th here in Norway. 7120 kHz. Gone by checking at 1900 UT. Only Ethiopia (strong) remaining on 7110. Could have something to with Ramadan. (RRI Jambi 4925 very faint signal all this week from around 2000 UT).

I cannot find any recent reference to any station on 7120 of this kind. Do any of you have any idea who this is? (it probably is

something I overlooked, sorry to ask) Enjoying postings on Cumbre DX and all the good DX info provided very much! Best regards, (Geir Stokkeland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The answer has already been reported on the dxldyg (Glenn to Geir, via DXLD)

Thank you both, great help! (Wonder why the frequency change ...) (Geir, ibid.)

Chad's back on 7120. RD. Natle. Tchadienne, Gredia, 1842-... (I'm actually listening to it right now), 11 Sep, vernacular, infos reading often mentioning N'DjamÈna, folk song and an African pop, French at 1900 with ID+ frequency announcement and then into a very short news bulletin (2 minutes), program announcements interspersed with music till 1905 when a feature on environment protection started; 45343 and deteriorating somewhat plus some CW amateur QRM after 1904.

I haven't been able to track them on 4905 or 6165 during these days. At this time, the only audible BC stns 7100~7205 are: 7110 ETH, 7120 TCD, 7200 SDN. However, the noise is moderate, so I believe even GUI 7125 is "there." 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, ibid.)

Off at 20.07, strange time. Good signal here on Ynys Mon. 73's (Mark Davies, UK, ibid.)

04 September at 1617 UT on 7120.1 kHz with S1. The carrier was slightly detectable. 10 September at 1550 UT on 7120 kHz with an S=8-signal. I will keep on monitoring the QRG. (Uli Bihlmayer-D DJ9KR, Intruder Watch <www.iaru-r1.org> and <www.iarur1.org> Sept 11, via BC-DX via DXLD))

Ditter Jamming ? Z.Zt. Sept 11, 1615 UT ganz gutes 7120 kHz Signal. Nur - ? wer DITTER-signalt denn da auf 7116.53 - 7116.95 kHz ?

Klingt nach einem militaerischen Stoersignal aus Sudan oder Sebha Libyen, das gab es doch auch immer, wenn im Chad einer der diversen Putschversuche startete, bzw. Westler in der Sahara entfuehrt wurden. Spaeter dann auf 4905 oder 6165 kHz ? (Wolfgang B,schel, A-DX Sept 11, ibid.)

Chad on 7120 kHz. I'm currently hearing Radio Chad on 7120 kHz (7119.95 to be precise) with news in French in progress at 1935 tune in. Fair signal here with some QRM from what sounds like a data transmission, best in usb.

The 7120 transmitter went off abruptly at approx 2007 UT. Chad has also been reported back on 4905v kHz in the evenings recently, but day

to day frequency usage seems to be highly variable - worth checking 4905, 6165 or 7120 kHz (Dave Kenny, UK, BDXC-UK Sept 11 via BC-DX via DXLD)

Monitoring at 1430 (tune-in) to 2007* on 7120 kHz on Sep. 11. -1500 Arabic, 1500-1630 Vernacular, 1630-1800 Arabic, 1800-2007 French. The reception condition in Japan is good (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE. Re HCJB tests on 9865, 11755:

The antenna is an HR 2/4/1.0, aiming northwest:
<http://www.cvclavoz.cl/english/techinfo.html>

Note how the two 4/4 curtains, which must be the most expensive antennas on the site, aim at Africa. Did Africa really become an important target area for Voice of Pinochet, err, Chile, or was this kind of a misplanning? (Kai Ludwig, Sept 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re. R. Nacional de Chile 1978-1981.

I see in G.E. imagery, maybe some variation by 3 degrees.

ant #1-3 LPA's, not so effective antenna types
357, 357, 57 degrees.

ant #4-7, TC611 is one of the best high gain dipol curtain in the world, operates azimuthal slewing switches also.
42, 42, 72, 72 degrees.

Slewing to 42 degrees angle, for example the most important political opponents audience target at USSR and Eastern Block could be reached.

Also slewing to 103 degrees reached the big Cuban auxiliary forces to be based at Angola and MoÃambique in that era.

First time 8 x 100 kW HARRIS units appeared in WRTH 1979, p347, 17 frequencies registered between 11715 and 17800 kHz.
Scheduled 19 hours daily, 1100-0600 UT.

Targets mentioned were ME, Af, The Americas, Asia!, Oceania, Europe.

Arabic 4 hrs, En 6 hrs, Fr 6 hrs, German 4 x 30 mins, Italian 2 hrs, Sp 5 hrs daily, latter mostly 3 transmitters in \\.

Per language mostly 2 transmitters in \\, but for example also 5 in \\ for English night service.

In WRTH 1982 "The service suspended for financial reason" ... so this international services lasted only approx. four years (Wolfgang B, schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Re 9-068: The story about China makes me giggle. China does not jam! haha! You can tell by her statements she was well briefed by the officials about what to say if it came it (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Sept 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I heard a soundbite on CRI just yesterday in which the speaker was defending the Chinese political system - person said the Chinese citizens benefit from a government that can engage in more effective long-term planning without the sort of interruptions caused by elections (tom roche, GA, ibid.)

Hmm... I wonder if CRI has any affiliate stations in New Your City? Read this op-ed column from the New York Times dated September 8, 2009:

One-party autocracy certainly has its drawbacks. But when it is led by a reasonably enlightened group of people, as China is today, it can also have great advantages. That one party can just impose the politically difficult but critically important policies needed to move a society forward in the 21st century. It is not an accident that China is committed to overtaking us in electric cars, solar power, energy efficiency, batteries, nuclear power and wind power. China's leaders understand that in a world of exploding populations and rising emerging-market middle classes, demand for clean power and energy efficiency is going to soar. Beijing wants to make sure that it owns that industry and is ordering the policies to do that, including boosting gasoline prices, from the top down.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/09/opinion/09friedman.html>
(Sergei S., IL, ibid.)

** CHINA. 3900.00, Hulun Buir, 1047, Chinese, presumed with dialogue between a man and a woman, brief music bridges. Much weaker than other Chinese regionals. 8 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia. NRD-535D, plus: Timewave 599zx and MFJ-959C, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Major questions: Does CNR2 still run English from 1300 to 1400? Has anyone checked out the SWBC parallels yet this season??? I've got several [MW] channels that MIGHT be CNR2, but they are darn sure in Chinese. So, here I had an excellent low band morning. What fun!!! (John Bryant, Orcas Island, WA, USA, Winradio G313e and various Ultralights, Wellbrook Phased Array + Superloops, Sept 10, IRCA via DXLD)

** CHINA. 5050, Beibu Bay Radio, 1207, Sept. 10. In Vietnamese; Chinese language lesson (Chinese numbers: yi, er, san, si, wu, liu, qi, ba, jiu and shi); BoH IDs in Chinese-Vietnamese-English (iThis is Beibu Bay Radioî); iRoad to healthî; announcer with piano background music; ID in just Vietnamese, mentioning iFMî; EZL songs; ToH pips; same multi-language ID; iBBR newsî (even the news and weather are given with background music); iweather reportî (list of Asian cities); 1308 Vietnamese ballads; still heard after 1510. Almost fair; light to moderate AIR Aizawl QRM.

I have concluded that David Kernick of UK is in fact correct that there are only three languages used in IDs at ToH and BoH (Chinese-Vietnamese- English). Audio <http://www.mediafire.com/?xdjep1og1xr>

7245, CNR-2/China Business Radio, 1430-1459, Sept. 10. iEnglish Eveningî program with John and Chinese YL; today is Teachers Day in China; segment of iStudio Classroomî; fair-good; // 6155, 7265, 7315, 7335, 7375, 9820 and 9775, with 6065 remaining off the air. Audio <http://www.mediafire.com/?njyhcmmdtjs> (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. We are still suffering from local hi noise levels, especially on the trop bands, but signals must be picking up as on Sept 10 between 1229 and 1234 I was getting some audio on 4950, Chinese? should be V. of Pujiang, and 5050, Vietnamese? should be Beibu Bay Radio. Also 4460 CNR1. 5030 CNR1 is audible just about every morning, tho overshadowed by Cuba 5025, so I rarely bother logging it. Plus several Korea North frequencies, q.v.; also CNR1 at 1243 with kids voices including artificially higher-pitched, sped-up, // on 7365, 7305. Per Aoki, both 7365 and 7305 at this hour are genuine broadcasts from Shijiazhuang 724 site and not jammers! Firedrake, Sept 10 at 1247 on 8400, good with flutter, also 9000. Sept 11 at 1310 poor on 10210 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [non]. Voice of Croatia via German sites to the Americas has returned to 7375, ex-9925, for the 22-05 block including the 15-minute (less on Sats and Suns) English programs at 2215 and 0200. Heard with excellent signal at 0115 in Croatian, including lots of pop mx, on UT-9/11 (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency Change for Voice of Croatia --- Hi Glen[n], This evening in El Paso, Texas (09-10-09: MST) I found The Voice of Croatia on 7375 at 0100 UT in Croatian. This is apparently the fall frequency change for Glas Hrvatske for North America (previously 9925) though I cannot find any relevant shortwave information on the website.

P.S. I just checked my Eton E1 and found Glas Hrvatske still

broadcasting (in Croatian) at 04:48 UTC on the same frequency.
Best wishes, (Philip David Smith, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 9545, Sept 6 at 2040 with cohetes at variable rates from the
DentroCuban Jamming Command on a frequency which needs no jamming at
this hour until Rep'blica comes up at 2300; meanwhile wall of noise
jamming on 9565 against Martí (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DENMARK. Re WMR: "Guys, why don't you ask me? I have no problem
giving any information as to the operation of the WMR transmitter site
near Karup. What exactly do you want to know? Photos? Dates when on
air?" (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Denmark, shortwavesites yg Aug 31 via BC-
DX Sept 5 via DXLD)

QSL's? If I remember correctly, they were offered, and if so, when are
those of us who sent reception reports & IRCs going to receive them?
(Scott R. Barbour Jr., Intervale, N.H. USA, Sept 10, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

Maybe the IRC/s sent wasn't enough to also cover the cost of also
printing the cards? I don't know.....?? (Ian Baxter, Australia, ibid.)

** DIEGO GARCIA [and non]. 4319 (U), AFRTS, 1334, Sept. 11. Review of
some current movies (i9í, etc.); iAmerican Forces Networkí; // 10320
(U) - Pearl Harbor. For about one week recently I found these two were
not in parallel for some reason (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn
E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. unID 4919, 1000-1040 Sept 10. Noted a Spanish Language
Station here in mainly music. Generally the signal was poor until
about 1030 when if peaked to a fair. Unfortunately, it fade out by
1040. Didn't hear any good details (Chuck Bolland, Watkins Johnson
HF1000, Central Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4919 immediately brings to mind R. Quito, which was always off one kHz
when last active (gh, DXLD)

4918.982, Radio Quito, Spanish, 0855, easy listening Spanish ballads,
ID by man as "Radio Quito, La Voz de la Capital," then into more
music. Full ID at 0900, station promos/ads, then back to music at
0903. 10 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia. NRD-535D*, FT-950*,
plus: Timewave 599zx and MFJ-959C, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola Colegas, En este momento 0015 UT, tremenda seÙal de Radio Quito
en 4919v kHz con retransmision del partido Argentina Vs Paraguay;
anunci.ñdose como "...Radio Quito, la voz viva de la capital..." Una
oportunidad para escucharla luego de varios meses (casi aÙo??) fuera
del aire. Buen DX (Rafael Rodriguez R., Bogota D.C. - Colombia, UT

Sept 10, playdx yg via DXLD)

On just for the SBG, or heard since? Proves their SW is OK, and must have been turned off voluntarily; or repaired for this? (gh, DXLD)

** ECUADOR [and non]. Bandscanning 49m at an unreasonably early hour here Sept 6, and despite hi noise level after getting Mérida on 6104.8 [see MEXICO], I looked for more, and found a signal on 6050 at 2045, also in Spanish, so has to be HCJB's regional service roughly two hours before sunset there and four hours before sunset here. At 2053 a bit stronger with choral hymn, amen, 2055 Spanish talk. Hoped to get definite ID and/or characteristic automatic timesignal at 2100 but by then it had faded down and out. A flukey reception.

BTW, a quirk of my FRG-7 (or all of them?) is that in the overlap within each MHz band between about 965 and 055 kHz, there is noticeably greater sensitivity by tuning up from below rather than down from above. Can this be evened out be realignment, and would one even want to? So for 6050 I had a choice of 5 MHz + 1050 kHz, or 6 MHz + 50 kHz. With the former I was getting a stronger signal measuring S9+5 at peak. Best 49m signals at this time were Habana on 6000 and 5965; also barely audible CFRX 6070 and WBOH 5920 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [non]. HCJB tests via CVC Chile: Strong signal at 2259 s/on with an announcement in Portuguese, followed by a programme in German. Weaker after a few minutes. Regards (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, Sept 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 9865. See also CHILE for history

When checking tonight after 2305 I found 9865 also audible here with ATS 909 indoors. Kind of Pifo feeling, away from the different sounding modulation.

At the same time no trace of 9635 and 11665 (CVC Spanish) here. In fact 9865 is my very first reception of Calera de Tango. 12040 from Pifo is inaudible as well (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 8, ibid.)

Hello everybody! I've just been informed that HCJB's tests from Chile to Brasil will be changed slightly in frequency from 11755 to 11745 because of interference from RHC on 11760 kHz. The change might be valid even this evening, but for sure tomorrow.

These requirements have been added:

11745 0000 0100 12E,13,15NW SGO 50 45 0 158
1234567 080909 120909 D Por CHL HCJ CVI

These requirements have been removed:

11755 0000 0100 12E,13,15NW SGO 50 45 0 158
1234567 080909 120909 D Por CHL HCJ CVI 19031

73, (Stephan Schaa, Germany, Sept 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. ECUADOR'S CORREA TO SEEK SUSPENSION FOR TV CHANNEL -
http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090905/ap_on_re_la_am_ca/lt_ecuador_media
Sat Sep 5, 6:21 pm ET

QUITO, Ecuador ñ Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa says he will seek to have a television network suspended for airing a taped conversation between him and a legislator. Correa previously threatened to shut Teleamazonas down entirely, but his government backed off earlier this week.

The president said Saturday that the law allowsly a 90-day suspension for what was determined to be an "administrative error," not a permanent closure. Said Correa: "Fine, we'll ask for the 90 days."

Teleamazonas has said it didn't violate any laws because Correa and the assemblyman were discussing public affairs ó a draft constitution before it was approved by voters last year (via Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. Tuned in 15190 at 2111 Sept 6 to find open carrier from Radio Africa. Not unusual for there to be VERY long periods of dead air from this station, so while my attention was focused elsewhere, left this turned up to find out just how long the dead air would last: until 2122, when with never an ID, abruptly started a preacher from North Carolina concerned about the last days and the return of Jesus; good modulation on this one, and he paused briefly to turn off an alarm beeper. So the dead air was at least 11 minutes. Are the Radio Africa operators dozing off, inebriated, stepping out for a smoke or some other important business, or just totally nonchalant about getting the paid-for evangelists on the air? What does pointlessly burning 50 kW for 11+ minutes cost in this poor country? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, R. Africa, 2206, Sept. 11. Reading a letter sent to Tony Alamo; woman reading bible passages and Tony commenting on them; poor with moderate QRM, which was fading in and out (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. Here is an audio clip recorded this morning of what sounds to be the Voice of Democratic Eritrea clandestine 7165 kHz from 0356:30 UT until just past the top of the hour. White noise jamming begins at the 3m 30s mark.

Can anyone please verify the full station ID, and if the language is Tigryana [sic]?

http://www.bcdx.org/clips/VoDemEritrea_ETH_7165_20090907_0356.mp3
or http://www.bcdx.org/?page_id=98
(Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN USA, Microtelecom Perseus SDR, Wellbrook
ALA100 4m x 8m delta loop, <http://www.bcdx.org> Sept 7, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

This is the usually heard 7165, mwf s/on just prior to 0400. ID includes word fragment "democras..." The usually pretty accurate Clandestine Radio Watch refers to it as the Voice of Peace and Democracy of Eritrea, and says it is a program offered by the Voice of Tigray Revolution ("Dimtsi Woyane TIgray") which does broadcast from Mekelle with a 200 kW Harris transmitter installed in 2006.

Regular R. Ethiopia broadcasts are from older 100 kW transmitters at. I believe, Gedja, a little south of Addis Ababa, and originally site of the old ETLF SW outlets.

On some off nights, though, VoBM of Eritrea has been known to shift from 7175 to 7165 but is usually fairly easy to catch its ID, "Dimtsi Hafash." when it does. But when it comes to the HoA area, all information is somewhat suspect (Don Jensen, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Clandestine Radio Watch may have once been ``usually pretty accurate'' but was abandoned by its creators and not updated for several sesquiyears now. Consider its info historical only unless there is some evidence of ANYTHING current (gh, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 6090, Amhara State Radio, 0258-0309, Sept 6, vernacular. IS loop at t/in under co-channel Brazil; no sign of Anguilla; announcer at 0300 with HoA-like music; music from 0303; talk at 0308; very poor-noisy; tnx to B. Churchill for sharing audio recording allowing me to ID this via interval signal & B. Alexander's Anguilla off-the-air tip (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, 200' Beverages, MLB1, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DXL LISTENING DIGEST)

Here is a recording of Amhara State Radio made last night, Sep 7, 2009, beginning at 0322:45 UT. Reception in USB to avoid co-channel Brazil. Anguilla is still off and Radio Nigeria Kaduna was not noted during the 2230-0800 UC period.

http://www.bcdx.org/clips/Amhara_ETH_20090907_0322.mp3
or here, http://www.bcdx.org/?page_id=98
(Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN USA, Microtelecom Perseus SDR, Wellbrook
ALA100 4m x 8m delta loop, <http://www.bcdx.org> dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

6090, V. of Amhara State Radio noted 9/7 from 0303 tune with very nice signal for Southern California; initially dominated the channel but

gradually co-channel QRM from presumed Anguilla [?? See below] and at least one other station along with weakening signals after 0330 made program details increasingly difficult to hear. Good S3 at peak from 0315 to 0330 with male announcer and HOA music. Typically the first 1 or 2 songs after s/on are contemporary instrumentals and then more traditional HOA vocals. YL with echo announcement at 0332.5 and into what sounded like a news broadcast by man to tune-out at 0343. The announcements with an echo are very characteristic of Amhara State R, along with the pre-opening IS (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

6090, Amhara State Radio, *0257-0350, Sept 7, sign with IS. Talk at 0300. Horn of Africa style music. Some rustic vocals. Anguilla still off the air. No sign of Nigeria either. QRM from Brazil but signed off around 0315. Ethiopia weak at sign but improved to a fair to good level by 0320 & in the clear for about 15 minutes between 0315-0330. Co-channel QRM from Voice of Hope/AWR from Austria at their 0330 sign with English ID & into listed Farsi (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1477, DX Listening Digest)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. CLANDESTINE - 15340, EOTC Holy Synod Radio (presumed) *1600-1605+ Sep 7. Popped at 15340 with a minute or so of choral music/chanting. YL in language at 1601:20 with possible ID but jammer came a few seconds later ruining further reception. Listed via Samara (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake -8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. via Juelich, Germany, 13830, Radio Oromiyaa Liberation. *1730-1800*, Sept 11, sign on with Horn of Africa music and opening ID announcements. Vernacular talk. Horn of Africa music. Fairly well covered by noise jammer at 1732. Fri only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EUROPE. PIRATE. 7550.04, Radio Amica, 2115-2200, Sept 11, lite pop music. Italian announcements. ID. Poor. Weak. Improved to a fair level at 2300 check. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** FALKLAND ISLANDS. 530, FIBS Port Stanley, 0536 with BBC WS Relay Network Africa, also at 0600 with time check for 16 o'clock, the World Today programme lineup and news. Heard during our local dawn/sunrise with Radio Botswana's usually strong signal no longer an issue around that time - fair 24/8/09. South African First. Receiver: Sony SRF-M37V Ultralight. Antenna : 220 metre BOG towards Argentina / over the shoulder towards Japan (John Plimmer logs, RX Icom IC-7600, antenna 350m to New York and over shoulder to Australia, playdx yg vi DXLD) Reply:

From: Corina Goss

To: Gary Deacon

Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 7:12 PM

Subject: Unusual reception of Falkland Island Broadcasting Service on 530 kHz in South Africa

Dear Gary, Iím sure that would have been us re-broadcasting BBC World Service at that time of day. Iíll put a QSL card in the post for you. I donít know how long it will take to reach you, but I expect will at least be 2-3 weeks. Kind regards, Corina (via Plimmer, *ibid.*)

See also DX-PEDITIONS

** FRANCE. FRENCH CABINET COMMUNIQUE SUMS UP CURRENT STATE OF FOREIGN BROADCASTING REFORM | Text of report by French Foreign Ministry website www.diplomatie.gouv.fr on 9 September

The minister of culture and communications [Frederic Mitterrand] has delivered a statement on France's foreign broadcasting.

The reform of foreign broadcasting, which was decided on by the president of the republic in the summer of 2007, aims to improve France's foreign broadcasting policy, to make its strategic thrusts clearer, and to enhance the efficiency of each of its operators. The implementation of this reform has already gone through several important stages:

- the constitution of a French foreign broadcasting group centred on a holding company called Audiovisuel Exterieur de la France (AEF) is now completed: the holding company owns 100 per cent of Radio France Internationale (RFI) and France 24 and 49 per cent of TV5 Monde.

- the law of 5 March 2009 pertaining to foreign broadcasting and the new public television service drew the lessons from this reform by making AEF the national programme company tasked with France's foreign broadcasting, the governance of which is determined by the law of 30 September 1986, similarly to that of France Televisions and Radio France. As such, AEF and its subsidiaries tasked with public service missions will be subject to obligations defined by terms of reference fixed by decree. The negotiation of an aims and means contract with the state is under way.

Moreover, the foreign broadcasting leaders have already initiated important projects.

The comprehensive modernization plan for RFI, which is currently subject to consultation by the company's staff, will have to make it possible to redress RFI's critical financial situation. This reform is indispensable if the company is to survive and it can no longer be put

off.

A start to re-injecting dynamism into the group's regional stations has been made, particularly by emphasizing the development of new technologies. The government showed its backing for this impetus by pre-empting frequencies for the terrestrial digital radio broadcasting of RFI in Paris, Marseilles, and Nice.

Lastly, synergies among the different entities are being put in place both at the level of programmes and support functions.

Source: French Foreign Ministry website, Paris, in French 9 Sep 09 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** GERMANY. IFA 2009 --- After an absence last year I again went to Berlin's annual flatscreen spectacle today. On the DRM booth they have a prototype of a Serpukhov-made DRM car radio, not mentioned so far in sources I routinely read. Besides it the well-known Himalaya and Uniwave sets, the latter still as a prototype with older, probably buggy firmware.

Also on display is a demonstration of the DRM+ system for transmissions in the VHF range. The DRM+ signal on 89.3, reported by some sources, has just ten milliwatts, transmitter and antenna are on the booth itself. I had no time to check it out with an ordinary FM radio, but anyway this signal is not supposed to reach beyond the fair grounds or even just the particular building.

Other radio-related presentations I found were from Pure and Sangean. Pure is no longer just a "DAB company" [...]

[Later:] Here are some photos, I think with my original report no further explanations/translations are necessary:
<http://knallfunke.de/drm/archiv/ifa2009/>

And meanwhile some people wrote they have informally been told at IFA that Deutschlandradio will close down its DAB signals at yearend. If so it would in some cases led to the closure of complete DAB ensembles. In Hessen these Deutschlandradio signals are all that is left, perhaps also in the Media Broadcast ensemble in Berlin (transmitters in rural Brandenburg have already been shut down) since a single report indicates that the Voice of Russia signal here has disappeared.

For reference:

<http://forum.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,730267>

<http://forum.digitalfernsehen.de/forum/digital-radio/228658-deutschlandradio-will-endes-des-jahres-aus-dab-aussteigen.html>

(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Re 9-068, Radio Bremen: ``The first (1947) edition of World Radio Handbook has Radio Bremen listed on both 601 kHz (499.2 metres) and 610 kHz (491.8 metres) in the Country section, yet only 601 kHz in the regional MW list at the back of the book. The 1948 edition lists only 527 kHz (569 metres) in the Country section, yet both that and 601 kHz in the regional MW list. Confusing! (David Kernick, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Radio Bremen, TFK, up til the sixties:

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sender_Leher_Feld

And only the old transmitter sites are gone. The mediumwave outlet, after all the frequency changes now on 936 kHz, is still on air from a new low-cost installation. Still one could ask if this was/is really necessary, considering how poor Radio Bremen is.

<http://www.waniewski.de/id259.htm>

In reality Radio Bremen had in this period only a single transmitter in Bremen-Schwachhausen, somewhere along Scharnhorststrafle, first 1 kW, later upgraded with new equipment to two 2 kW. The Scharnhorststrafle transmitter started on 23 Dec 1945 on 610 kHz, then moved to 601 kHz, then again to 527 kHz, all this within less than three years.

In 1951 a new 20 kW transmitter went on air at Horn-Lehe, about 2 km away. Afterwards the Scharnhorststrafle site has been dismantled and the transmitter moved to Bremerhaven. Only at this point Radio Bremen appeared also on a second mediumwave frequency (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. 11670, Arabic station with good signal, Sept 6 at 2033 with several mentions of ``Al-mania'', soon confirmed with DW jingle. Hmm, that cognates with Alemania, the Spanish name for Germany, so did the Spaniards get it from the Arabs or vice versa, and why call it something completely unrelated to ``Deutschland'' or ``Germania''? Or is Ger a translation of Ale or v.v.? One might ask the same of the French. O, this is DW at 19-21, 250 kW, 100 degrees via Sines, PORTUGAL (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) answers: LANGUAGE LESSONS below

** GREECE. The Sunday English programme "Greek in Style" was missing today at 1305 UT, on 9420 and 15630, where it's been for the last few weeks. Instead we had a pop music programme presented in Greek. Will need checking next week to see what time it has moved to - maybe back to 0905 UT now that the summer holiday season is over? (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, Sept 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII. I found signals on both 10320 (AFRTS) and 10000 (WWVH) today (Sept. 11) at around 0645 UT. The time signal was clearly the strongest, and moving the S meter occasionally. And it was a female voice telling us the time. There was no trace of WWV or any others. I could only copy a few words on 10320, but sufficient to ID what it was (Noel R. Green (NW England), Sept 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4775, AIR Imphal (presumed), 1223, Sept. 9. In Hindi with talk about universities and international programs; 1232 into EZL music program till 1244 tune out; poor-fair with CODAR QRM.

4990, AIR Itanagar, 1418, Sept. 10. Must have been their new local news bulletin in Hindi (see DXLD 9-064). 1421 iGood evening. This is All India Radio Itanagar. The news read by . . .î; iIn sports, . . .î; iNow the weather forecast from the Metrological Center. Light rain . . .î; 1425 back to Hindi. Mostly poor, but well above normal reception here. First time I have been able to hear this new local news bulletin.

4990, AIR Itanagar, 1411, Sept. 11. Subcontinent songs; 1415 musical fanfare, into local news bulletin in Hindi; 1420 musical fanfare; iGood evening. This is All India Radio Itanagar. The news read by . . .î; sports news; did not hear a weather forecast today; 1425 back to Hindi. Mostly poor and very rough copy with only a few words made out.

5040, AIR Jeypore, 1325, Sept. 8. Live coverage in English of the Sri Lanka vs New Zealand cricket match; announcer with Scottish accent; mentions Ryder as a top bowler; many spots for ilive ticket updatesî via SMS (enter iCRIî and gives number to call); also with coverage in Hindi; still playing at 1420 tune out. AIR reception today was exceptionally good.

9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, 1500, Sept. 6. iSAARC news bulletini (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation), in English. Do not know what the schedule is for this, but certainly not broadcast every day at this time. Weekly? At 1505 into Hindi and nice sitar music; good reception. Some audio problems. First time I have caught this bulletin. Many thanks to Jose Jacob of India for his kind assistance with IDing SAARC.

Audio <http://www.mediafire.com/?yos7euwuevx>

9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, 1435-1500, Sept. 7 (Mon.). In English: iYou are tuned to the National Channel of A.I.R. We can be heard the shortwave frequencies of 9,425 and 9,470 kHz, the 31m band. In Nagpur you can hear us 1,566 kHz, corresponding to 191.6m and in Delhi you can tune in 1,215 kHz, that is 246.9mî; iVividhai program

with music and interview with a natural beauty expert; good reception. For the past two Fridays iVividhai has been in Hindi. Audio <http://www.mediafire.com/?vom5zb9g1zy>

9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, Seems the new schedule for iVividhai, the program in English from 1435 to 1500, is now only on Monday and Wednesday, not Friday. For the past 3 Fridays have heard programming in Hindi after the 1430 to 1435 news bulletin in English.

9425, AIR. On Sept. 11, the 1430 news bulletin had sports item that India would be in the tri-series final cricket match on Monday (Sept. 14). There is a good chance there will again be special coverage via some of the AIR regional stations. Worth giving them a listen on Monday. Congratulations to India on reaching the final match! (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3976.0, RRI Pontianak, 1252, Sept. 11. In Bahasa Indonesia; indigenous ballads; ToH ID and frequencies (iR-R-I Pontianaki- just gave the abbreviation); poor-fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4750, becoming audible vs the noise level, Sept 10 at 1233, Indonesian, so RRI Makassar, vs the co-channel stations which should go elsewhere than 4750. Also audible Sept 11 at 1245 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. IRELAND [non]. WRN does it again today, airing the same RTE hour at 1300 UT that they broadcast yesterday. (Mike Cooper, Sep 8, DXLD)

For the second time this week, WRN has run a day-old RTE program at 1300 UT (Mike Cooper, Sep 11, DXLD) See also IRELAND

** IRAN [and non]. FAMED IRANIAN MUSICIAN BLASTS IRANIAN OFFICIALS IN RARE VOA INTERVIEW
Says officials "are no longer able to manage the country"

Washington, D.C., Sept. 8, 2009 — An acclaimed Iranian musician, in a rare interview on Voice of America (VOA), criticized Iran's government for its recent post-election crackdown, saying officials are no "longer able to manage the country."

Mohammad Reza Shajarian, a master of traditional Persian music, said he has asked Iran's state broadcaster to stop playing his music. "Our public television is meant to be the voice of everyone in the country and not just represent one political faction," he said Sunday on 48 Hours, a program on VOA's Persian News Network (PNN). "Frankly, I cannot stomach any of their broadcasting. I had to lodge a complaint

against them because they kept airing my music."

Shajarian, who has infrequently granted interviews, discussed his career and his European concert tour. *Language of Fire*, his recent song, is a hit in Iran where he lives.

The musician said he was sickened by the Iranian government's actions against its citizens after the disputed election in which President Ahmadinejad was declared the winner. "The scenes I witnessed in Iran would have wrenches every gut. I don't think the noble people of Iran deserve to be treated that way," he said. "They (the leaders) are no longer able to manage the country. They are barely able to contain it."

Shajarian criticized Iran's religious authorities for edicts that ban women from performing in public. "By not letting women sing freely in public, they have eliminated part of music. How can you have music without a soprano voice?" Iran, he added, has failed to support the arts. "They have not built one single concert hall in 30 years," he said.

Following the interview, hundreds of people contacted VOA to express their appreciation for inviting Shajarian on the air. (VOA press release Sept 8 via DXLD)

** IRELAND [and non]. 17505 and 12050: Now receiving RCI English of WRN, not RTE-1 at 1505 UT on Sep. 6. Relay of mistake? (S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Did anyone hear RT... on shortwave with the All-Ireland final this afternoon?? I was away from home but had a Sony 7600GR with me so checked the listed shortwave frequencies a few times.

But could only hear what sounded like a weak NPR in English on 17505 at 1258 UT and later Radio France International in English at 1400 UT on 17505. Nothing heard on 7265 or 12050. Admittedly they were targeting Africa but what I heard on 17505 sounded like WRN English for Europe Sunday schedule. So maybe a misfeed by WRN?

(Of course, a massive signal on 252 longwave here - final score Kilkenny 2-22 Tipperary 0-23, a record fourth successive win for Kilkenny, apparently.) Maybe hear something on shortwave for the next final in two weeks time (Alan Pennington, UK, Sony 7600GR +telescopic, dxlddyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I heard on 17505 (fadeout at approx. 1530) and 12050 at 1430-1633 sign-off: -1458 RFI, 1500-1558 RCI, 1600-1615 Swissinfo, 1615-1629 Vatican R, 1630-1633* R. Australia via WRN. All times misfeed by WRN.

(S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC, *ibid.*)

17505, 1410-1500 AFS Su 06.09 RT..., Dublin, Ireland, via Meyerton English comments about the teams of the All-Ireland Hurling Final from Croke Park in Dublin, Irish songs, news headlines 25343 heard // 12050 at 1545 (24232) Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) see also INTERNATIONAL VACUUM

** ITALY [non]. via Slovakia, 5990, IRRS, 0515-0530*, Sept 7, tune-in to English inspirational programming with talk & music. Sign off with ID & Milano, Italy address. Good signal. Scheduled for 0430-0530 Mon-Thursdayly (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)
was it still convicted sex criminal evangelist Tony Alamo?

** JAPAN. re: NHK on 25 meters at 1400-1430 is almost unlistenable at my QTH, most often due to a very strong echo effect, and i'm wondering if this is because on it the transmission is simultaneous Japan AND Sackville? I suppose it's reasonable to assume the signal direct from Japan is hitting my antenna just a bit behind the New Brunswick signal. Good Listening, 73 (Rick Barton, Arizona, Sept 7, ABDX via DXLD)

In this case you're hearing the signal from Tokyo first. The satellite delay is what is causing the echo (Jerry Lenamon, TX, *ibid.*)

I have reported and complained numerous times about the echo from NHK on 11705, which is as Jerry says. The problem is that NHK insists on running two transmitters with the same program on opposite sides of the world without being sure they are synchronized. This could be done by adding a delay to the direct broadcast from Japan to match the satellite delay via Sackville. Or better yet, put them on different frequencies (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

** JAPAN. 6055, R. Nikkei-1, 1315-1330, Sept. 9. English language lesson iFifteen Minutes Englishî; fair-good (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KALININGRAD, Re 9-068, RMP: ``WTFK? Surely utility, not broadcast, and off-topic for NASWA SWBC-only country/QSL counting (gh, DXLD)``

Yes. ItÙs a Utility broadcast. I received it on 5862 kHz in CW. 73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 11710.47, V. of Korea, Kujang, 1428-1444, Sept 8, French. W talk; ID in passing at BoH; Korean ballad at 1433; ID at 1442; fair-good (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 5890, VOA Korean, usually in the clear, but Sept 10 at 1225 had roaring jammer and still at 1332; 24+ hours later, in the clear again. Ron Howard theorizes that The Dear Leader doesn't have enough jammers to go around, so targets vary from day to day. See also CANADA [non], where 6070 is supposed to be an intentional NK broadcast in Japanese rather than jamming.

The KNDF clandestine frequencies from N to S Korea: Sept 10 at 1233 on 4557, this one making the oscillating jamming sound, so that's from the South? Also CODAR in the mix; at 1235 singing on 4450, flutter, CODAR, no jamming heard. At 1236 on 3480, jamming and het like on 4557.

The 105-meter band was back with 2850 KCBS audible in music at 1239 Sept 10 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. Patrick, Over recent years, I believe that KBS has instituted a policy of not QSLing their domestic broadcasts. They have answered me very promptly, tho', for the two KBS FS broadcasts (both to Japan) that I've reported to them. The 1170 QSL was from 2006. WOW, I've got a QSL that Patrick DOES NOT HAVE!!!! Man, that is a rare day and I'm honestly quite pleased! :> (John Bryant, WA, IRCA via DXLD)

KBS's QSL policy --- As a matter of policy, KBS QSLs only their foreign service programs. In most cases, a report for a domestic program gets trashed by the domestic service personnel, or sent to the Foreign section where they trash it. However, you might get lucky and your report ends up with someone who will take the time to answer your English language report. That said, I have received a 100% response rate for Korean language reports, including both Seoul and regional stations (Bill Harms, MD, *ibid.*)

** KURDISTAN. 4793.94, 0225-0235, CLANDESTINE, 05.09, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan (presumed) Kurdish folkmusic + jamming 23332 jumped to 4789.96 at 0230 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4010.00. KGR-1, 1258, noted with talk by a man and woman in language, then IS or signature tune, time pips to 1300. Strong signal but very low modulation. 8 September.

4050.00, R. Rossi Relay, 1315, Russian, talk by man, easy-listening music, // 7140 Yakutsk. Strong carrier but low modulation. 8 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia. NRD-535D plus: Timewave 599zx and MFJ-959C, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. There's a great Mexican rockabilly scene here, in the tradition of Mario Moreno and the Varmits --- currently The Curse of The Pink Hearse fills the bill. And The Quakes were playing here just last week. But back to radio. As I have mentioned in the past, Rockola 990 out of Mexicali plays a lot of rockabilly stuff , fyi - those in the coverage area of XECL [990?]. But they altered their format where they play mostly Mexican ballads local evenings. But if you're up early in the morning, they have their old format of rockabilly, Mexican rockabilly, oldies, and Spanish language cover songs of oldies. Nothing' like "Wild Thing" in Spanish! x))) Good Listening, 73 (Rick Barton, Arizona, ABDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. Despite hi local noise level, I minimised it as best I could by closing down several known household noise sources, and boldly commenced to bandscan as low as 6 MHz at the early hour of 2043 UT Sept 6 = 2 hours and 11 minutes after local mean noon, closer to that than to sunset. Yay, bits of Spanish could be heard at a couple signal peaks on 6104.8, has to be XEQM, RASA MÈrida. I did not stay on frequency constantly, but often checked in next semisesquihour, heard it no more altho could detect weak carrier when I quit at 2133. HCJB was also poking in around the same time; see ECUADOR; and also UNIDENTIFIED 9600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Today's TV Es and Mexico tips --- IDs from:

XHURT-5 Cerro Burro, MICH (Text ID upper right 1218)
NEW XEZ-3 Zamorano, QTO (Text ID upper right 1225) NEW
XHLEG-4 Leon, GTO ("4" logo and "Mexico 2010" upper left)
XHLGT-2 Leon, GTO ("cdc" upper right)
XEW0-2 Guadalajara ("TVT" upper right)
XHCOL-3 Atenquique, JAL (Text ID upper left)
XHG-4 Guadalajara (Time/temp bar upper right)

The new XEZ log is the third different XEZ logged here, two channel 2 ande channel 3. In spite of what Cant' and official sources say, the XEZ stations and XHURT relay XHGC-5, not XEW-2 (Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, Sept 7, WTFDA via DXLD)

I noticed on TV/FM Skip Log tonight that Randy was trying to figure out if the logo he was seeing upper right on channel 4 was XHG-4's "GDL" logo.

XHG-4 runs a blue/gray time/temp bar upper ***right*** most of the time, except during news. GDL is displayed upper ***left*** once in a while.

A lot of this kind of information can be found on my Mexico TV logo page. This page contains hardcore TV DX tips, not pretty logos from sources who have seen very little DX from Mexico.

<http://www.tvdxtips.com/mexlogos.html>
(Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, Sept 9, ibid.)

** MEXICO. RMI --- Hola a todos, El motivo de este correo es saludarles y al mismo tiempo comentarles que la crisis econômica que afecta a todos, est. lleg. ndole al proyecto de Radio MÈxico Internacional por Internet, por lo que les solicito su participaciÛn para continuar teniÈndolo en la internet.

Si desean apoyar al proyecto, en la pagina <http://rmi.ya.st> podr.n encontrar la liga de donativo. Muchas gracias de antemano a todos.

No dejemos que este esfuerzo venga a menos; todo lo contrario, apoyemos a su crecimiento y mejora continua. Saludos (Antonio Martìne, Sept 5, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 9730.8, Radio Myanmar. Aug. 30 at 0850-0920 in Burmese. SINPO 34332. Music program till 0858, then ID. Female talk followed. Radio drama at 0914 (Iwao Nagatani, Japan, Japan Premium Sept 4 via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 5985.0, Myanma R., 1522, Sept. 7. Pop music; in vernacular; BoH usual selection of indigenous music; English segment; sounded like: "This is Myanma Radio. You are tuned to our second English transmission 5985 kHz, 50.13 meters; news of the activities of various ministers of the State Peace and Development Council, etc.; 1535 "This news comes to you from Myanma Radio"; weather report; slogans (iWe believe in development); medical talk about high blood pressure; EZL songs in English (R. Kelly with iI Believe I Can Fly, etc.); IDs iThis is Myanma Radio; Anthem; 1600*; noted *1600 of CRI; mostly poor to occasionally fair; in another month should be much better (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1477, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5985, R. Myanmar, 1327-1334+ Sep 3. Vocal music to 1329, then YL announcer briefly and usual musical IS; chimes and presumed news at 1330 by man. Poor but will improve daily as equinox approaches (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake -8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

9730.841, Radio Myanmar, 1038, nice local music with woman announcer. Not every day pretty regular this past week. 8 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia. NRD-535D plus: Timewave 599zx and MFJ-959C, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS. Today one of my colleagues, Chris van Gelder, celebrated exactly 30 years working for Radio Netherlands Worldwide. I grew up listening to Chris's father, the late Harry van Gelder, who

presented DX Jukebox, the radio show that developed into Media Network. Harry first worked for the station in 1953. These days, it's increasingly rare for people to spend an entire career in one place, but between them Harry and Chris have covered all but the first six years of RNW's existence - and Chris will no doubt be here for a good few years yet. "It's a family firm," he joked.

Meanwhile, an important report was published this week which reflects just how much has changed here, even in the past few years:

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION REPORTS ON RNW'S PERFORMANCE 2004-2008

An independent commission appointed by the supervisory board of Radio Netherlands Worldwide to look into the performance of the organisation in 2004-2008 published its findings this week. It's the first time that such a commission has carried out an appraisal of RNW's operations. Its findings were largely positive, though a few specific matters were highlighted as needing close attention.

The commission believes that, although cooperation with the Dutch domestic public broadcasters has been strengthened in the past five years, still more can be done. In particular, the commission recommends that the NOS should be entirely responsible for the provision of news in Dutch, and RNW's Dutch service should focus more on programming for specific target groups such as expats, holidaymakers, truckers, merchant seamen and the Dutch military abroad. On the other hand, the domestic broadcasters should make better use of the international expertise among the RNW staff.

The commission was positive about RNW's approach to its services in foreign languages. RNW differentiates itself from most other international broadcasters by concentrating on themes such as human rights and press freedom, and on targeting countries that have low ratings in these areas. But the commission warned RNW to be careful not to spread its resources too thinly across a large number of languages, target areas and target groups. The commission says RNW needs to be clearer about how it makes its strategic choices and chooses its priorities. It noted that RNW was in the course of transforming itself from a radio station to a multimedial and cross-medial organisation, and that shortwave is declining in importance as a delivery platform.

Closer analysis of the effectiveness of RNW programmes carried by approximately 3300 partner stations around the world was one of the commission's recommendations. It recognised that carrying out detailed listener surveys in all RNW's target areas is not practical as such surveys would consume a disproportionate percentage of the organisation's budget. But it says RNW needs to be clearer and more

transparent about the criteria that lead to decisions on the optimal distribution mix for each target group.

RNW Director-General Jan Hoek is pleased with the generally positive assessment, and especially welcomes the commission's suggestion that the domestic broadcasters should make better use of RWNW's international expertise.

Mr Hoek said that RWNW recognises that shortwave is less important overall than it once was, but stressed that RWNW intends to retain a shortwave presence, which can be increased in emergency situations, and furthermore shortwave is still needed to broadcast to target areas identified as being of high importance [for English this means specifically Africa and South Asia] where there are currently no better distribution platforms.

If you understand Dutch, you can access the full 116-page report online at http://sites.rnw.nl/overrnw/visitatierapport_rnw.pdf
(Andy Sennitt, Media Network newsletter Sept 10 via DXLD)

3 comments so far --- 1 Mark September 10th, 2009 - 13:14 UTC
If RWNW targets countries which lack human rights and press freedom, is the Internet really a wise choice? After all, web usage is traceable. Has the commission discussed this issue?

2 Andy Sennitt September 10th, 2009 - 13:21 UTC
Generally speaking, we are using the Internet to serve people in countries which do not have press freedom issues. For those countries that do, we continue to use shortwave, as pointed out by Mr Hoek. Chinese is an exception, but we are specifically targeting Chinese-speaking people living outside China itself. The commission's report is very detailed (116 pages). It is in Dutch, but if you can understand it you'll find it at
http://sites.rnw.nl/overrnw/visitatierapport_rnw.pdf

3 Roy Sandgren September 10th, 2009 - 16:18 UTC
Still multi band radio receivers are selling great all over the world. The only way of getting news is the small portable receivers of all broadcasting bands. More than 1 millions are selling every day (Media Network blog comments via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. RWNW via Tinang, PHILIPPINES, 9650, Sept 10 at 1312 just barely audible under CRI via Sackville, and virtually on same frequency, unlike the day before when RWNW was relatively strong and hetting (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Both 0100 and 1500 UT Happy Station Shows for September 10, 2009 now uploaded

<http://www.radio4all.net/index.php/series/The+Happy+Station+Show>
0100 - My guest is Tomas David Wood
1500 - Happy Station's Deutsche Schlager Party

Just a reminder about our birthday tribute show to Bob Thomann who will be 81 on the 24 of this month. For those too young to remember he hosted the Swiss Merry Go Round first on the external service of the Swiss Broadcasting Corp from the 50s to 1970. Then on Swiss Radio International from 1970 to 1994 on Swiss Radio International with Bob Zanotti.

If there are any problems with the podcasts let me know
pcj.happystation @ gmail.com Good listening and 73, (Keith Perron,
Taiwan, Sept 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST

HS test UT Friday 0700 on 9955 to WNAm: see U S A: WRMI

** NEWFOUNDLAND. CANADA. 6160.86, CKZN, St John's, 2155-2206, Sept 7, slightly off nominal 6160 with station promos. iCBC Radio Onei ID. CBC news at 2200. iAs It Happens news program. Promo for iSt Johns Morning Show. Fair to good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NIGER. 9705, LV du Sahel, No sign of Niger at various checks between 2000-2200 Sept 5, 6 & 7 (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1477, DX Listening Digest)

Think I am copying La Voix Du Sahel on 9705 kHz at 1857 onwards. Can just hear French language with a het from Ethiopia on 9704. Not 100% but if anyone else hears the station please mention it.

Rx is the Perseus and a loft dipole. Just getting a better signal at 1910 with definite French (Steve Calver, UK, Sept 9, BDXC-UK via dxld)

9705, LV du Sahel, Niamey, 2100-2301*, Sept 11, back on the air after being silent for about a week or so. Qurian, French and vernacular talk. Tribal chants. Qurian at 2255 followed by short flute IS and choral National Anthem at 2259. Fair to good after Ethiopia 9704.18 signed off at 2100 but severe adjacent channel splatter at about 2258 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NIGERIA. 6089.85, Radio Nigeria, Kaduna, 2215-2355+, Sept 5, Anguilla still off the air for the second day in a row allowing reception of Nigeria with talk in listed Hausa. Qurian. Fair level at 2215 tune-in but very weak by 2315 and only a threshold signal by 2330. Constant QRM from Brazil on 6089.95 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NIGERIA. Further to my previous comment about Nigerian domestic

broadcasts on shortwave, as of now (11/09/2009) both services from Kaduna (4770 and 6090) are off the air and have been for several days. Transmissions are often sporadic but it is unusual for both to be off at the same time (James MacDonell, Nigeria, Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Daytime caradio bandscan, continued from U S A:

1670: once again hearing talking house somewhere in Enid, weak but quite readable here at 1938 UT Sept 6 with loop from Greg Winklejohn, 231-0992, <http://www.enidhomes.com> --- I soon recognized the house described as the very same one last heard on this frequency Aug 8, the one with all the bedrooms on the third floor, in Whispering Hills, detailed at <http://www.enidhomes.com/homes/684398.htm>

Ha --- spiel includes how quickly your property will sell tnx to his services, but this one is still available a month later! Or at least its transmitter is still running unattended. Have not yet visited the place to see how much of a part 15 signal it puts out over a radius of a few miles.

99.7 FM: while I was at it, switched briefly to FM to check 99.7, ex-Alva-Enid hijacked to Mustang-OKC for anticipated big resale value. Usually inaudible in Enid, but here it was barely making it thru with usual gospel rock at 1947, and at next check 2003 was lucky to hear them run a legal ID two sesquiminutes late over the music as ``KZLS, Mustang-Oklahoma City``. Must still be running in pre-sale low-power fill-music mode (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Fog reported around here, so I manually tuned thru all the channels on the Zenith STB, to see if there was anything interesting below decode level. To my surprise, on RF 39, KWTV '9' is back from OKC, and it is still on RF 9 as well at about equal strength fully decoding; tho both channels are 'saved' I am only getting one 9-1, and now I am not sure which one it is. This is during the 10 pm local news Thursday so no doubt about ID, plus KWTV displayed on both RF channels. I had not heard anything about KWTV being another VHF with second thoughts about DTV coverage and considering going back to UHF. Is that the case, or maybe just testing the old otherwise useless transition-channel UHF transmitter? Or what's going on? 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, OK, UT Sept 11, WTFDA via DXLD) And 39 + 9 still going at 1600 UT Friday check, with 'noon' news early due to upcoming silly ballgame (gh) [Later KWTV replied they reactivated 39 due to 9 reception problems; still under consideration. See next issue]

I detected a signal on channel 39 this morning but it turned out to be KMEG-DT from Sioux City. I have seen KWTV-DT on channel 39 many times and I think only once on channel 9. The OKC DTVs are often seen here

with pretty strong signals. Omaha signals are very strong this morning with one translator on channel 46 from Falls City, NE in steady. I'll keep looking for KWTV on channels 9 and 39 (Dave Pomeroy, Topeka, Kansas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, Sept 10 at 1237 a bit of Pidgin? talk and music audible, presumed Radio East New Britain, best of the PNG channels here at this still too-late hour shortly after local sunrise (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 3329.537, Ondas del Huallaga, 1056, first noted as lowside het against CHU, was able to pull out some audio-- mainly Spanish talk by a man, in LSB. First-time reception here. 8 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia. NRD-535D plus: Timewave 599zx and MFJ-959C, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3329.60, Ondas del Huallaga, Hu-nuco, 1000 to 1030, also noted by David Sharp, Australia 8 September (Robert Wilkner, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. RADIO CHOTA AHORA TAMBI...N EN INTERNET --- 9 Sep, 2009

Para estar acorde con el avance de la tecnologÌa de los tiempos modernos y prÛximo a celebrar sus 31 aÌos de fundaciÛn, Radio Chota ha ingresado a una nueva etapa en su trayectoria al ingresar al maravilloso mundo del Internet, buscando, como siempre, satisfacer a su numerosa legiÛn de oyentes.

Es por ello que reemplazando a sus transmisiones en onda corta, manteniendo la onda media en los 1310 kHz, ahora ingresa a la red inform.tica de la Internet, llevando la voz y el mensaje de la Tierra de Acunta (Chota) hacia todos los confines de la regiÛn Cajamarca, el Per' y el mundo.

El pasado 1 de septiembre, mes de aniversario de Radio Chota, cuya fecha central es el dÌa 23, y como una forma de perennizar la celebraciÛn de su 31 aniversario, ha ingresado a la era digital a travÈs de su pagina web: <http://www.radiochota.com> donde se puede escuchar su variada programaciÛn diaria en vivo desde las 5:00 de la maÒana hasta las 10:00 de la noche. (1000-0300 UT).

Se debe destacar que Radio Chota es sinÛnimo de iPeruanidad, Cultura y Servicio, por eso destaca prioritariamente la emisiÛn de m'sica folklÛrica de la regiÛn Cajamarca, intercalada con programas de diversa lndole, lo que hace posible que afirmen que iRadio Chota es un programa para cada gusto y una emisora para todos.

Ante su ingreso a la era de la Internet, Radio Chota Saluda a sus

amigos, a sus potenciales oyentes y a todos quienes comparten con ellos su programacin, sus inquietudes y les permitan cumplir con su objetivo de unir a Chota con el Per' y el mundo.

(Fuente: Panorama Cajamarquino.com, PRU, 9/9/09) (via Gabriel Ivn Barrera, Argentina, Sept 9, condiglist yg via DXLD) Gone for quite some time from SW, methinx; the look at internet as replacing SW (gh)

** PERU. INCAUTAN EQUIPOS DE 15 EMISORAS CLANDESTINAS

En operativo conjunto entre la Polica Nacional del Per' y el Ministerio de Transportes y Comunicaciones, se logr incautar los equipos de transmisin de una quincena de estaciones de servicio radial y televisivo que no contaban con la debida licencia de funcionamiento.

La Polica ha ejecutado dos mega operativos. En las intervenciones se efectuaron descerraje de las estaciones que operan sin contar con la autorizacin. El Ministerio de Transportes y Comunicaciones procedi con la incautacin de los equipos y aparatos entre consolas, transmisores, amplificadores entre otros.

En Juliaca se ha logrado cerrar (06) medios de comunicacin; entre ellos son; Radio Emisora iFama, Radio Emisora iJuliaca, Radio Emisora iContinental, Radio iS'per Star, Canal de Televisin 37 iUNITEL, Radio iAlegria. Mientras que en Ilave los clausurados son: Radio iArmona, Radio iQollasuyo y Radio iNueva FM.

Adems, en la ciudad de Juli se intervino a tres emisoras: Radio iFuego, Radio iSintona y Radio iAyamara; finalmente en la localidad de Yunguyo se intervino a similar cantidad de emisoras que operaban con la denominacin de Radio y Televisin de la Municipalidad Provincial de Yunguyo.

Fuente: Los Andes
<http://www.losandes.com.pe/Policial/20090908/26838.html>
(via Yimber Gaviria, Noticias de la Radio Sept 8, DXLD)

** ROMANIA [and non]. 9765, Sept 6 at 2039 with roughly equal mix of Castilian and British talk, fast SAH between them of approx. 15 Hz. Looked up later, this clash is between Spain via Costa Rica site and Romania via Galbeni site, the former using 9765 for very long hours and the latter only during this semihour designated for Europe, altho exactly the same 300 degree heading as designated to NAm at same time on other frequencies; can RRI adjust the vertical takeoff angle to optimize for closer or further targets at the same azimuth?

11920, RRI with lively pop music show, Friday Sept 11 at 1320-1340,

IDs in Romanian for Actualitatsi service. Fair signal tho not aimed usward, 285 degrees from Galbeni. Still miss their defunct morning hour in English, but this will have to do (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Voice of Russia in English to North America is now heard 5900 at 2200, replacing 9890, using the same transmitter as Bulgaria in English during the previous hour (Roger Tidy, UK, Sept 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Russia World Service timings were a little out earlier this evening (11 Sept) just before 1900 on 12040/12070. Estelle Winters' frequency announcement for the forthcoming hour happened at 1850 (normally heard at xx57 before the hour) and was followed by several minutes of the Interval Signal until 1858, when News Digest was aired (i.e. 2 minutes early). I haven't been aware of the News Digest at that hour (1900) previously; normally it would be a news bulletin. Anyway, all was back and correct by 2000 with the National Anthem on the hour. The announcement following always then says that the Voice of Russia World Service is on the air "fifteen hours a day, every day" - although they are in fact broadcasting 24 hours a day in English. By the by, 2000 is the only time I hear the National Anthem on the hour - I guess that's because it's Midnight in Moscow (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. USSR [Russia, CIS states], Zarya Antenna.

What is the translation of the term "Zarya" or "S. Zarya" used to describe the 2.2 km long Russian MF antenna? We have heard them referred to as "large sunrise" and "small sunrise" (the 2.2 km and 1.6 km versions, respectively), but have no idea of the origin or validity of this name for them.

Does anyone have any technical literature describing these antennae? I have not had time when I have worked at former Russian sites where there were examples of these antennas to make measurements or even more than rough sketches of their electrical design.

[later] There are 3 of these 'sunrise' antennas at the Orzu, Tajikistan site. 2 large ones and one smaller (15 masts if I remember correctly). One of the large ones is no longer useable due to some damage, but the other is intact although not presently in use, I understand. The small one was in use daily when I was at the site working.

Many transmitters can also be switched to normal mast antennas for local services. Some transmitters or frequencies not currently in use.

Besides the Popovka zarya antenna I have also seen pictures of the Krasne and Chita zaryas. Both of the latter ones are of the 36 tower type. The towers carry a complicated structure of several \\ wires. Each wire seems to follow a zig-zag pattern upwards-downwards. The Chita picture is a broadside one taken from a considerable distance, so no details are visible. The Krasne picture is much like the Popovka picture featured in the WRTH (Ben Dawson, WA, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews / SW TXsite Sept 5 via DXLD)

The correct spelling is zarya, and this word means daybreak, dawn (also dusk, sunset, the start of something). (Olle Alm, Sweden, ibid.) The 110 degree Zarya antenna at Orzu was in use during the early years of the site for Radio Moscow Chinese service overnight. I guess it has been left rusting since this transmission to China was cancelled (Olle Alm, shortwavesies yg Sept 5 all via BCDX Sept 12 via DXLD)

** SAINT VINCENT. Re DXLD 9-067 ST VINCENT item.

WRTH 1955 has a brief mention of this sw broadcast as follows:
"There is no local broadcasting organization. The Government of St. Vincent arranges a once-weekly broadcast over an amateur station. The establishment of a 250 Watt station is now under consideration."

Later years under Windward Islands WRTH mentions Kingstown, St. Vincent on 1600 and then 1575 with power of 0.025 which may be an error, meaning 0.25 kW. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, Sept 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. Damman 1440 kHz. Call of Islam program 1515-1530. Excellent strong signal with clear modulation. This was not at DX levels. It was loud. Arabic chanting and speech // a very fluttery 15225 KHz. I noticed many Chinese and Filipino MW stations in passing instead of the usual Japanese and DU regulars. A nice surprise on a 2010 and 35 year old Palomar loop. Faded as my dawn approached. Sunset in Damman. 8,653 miles. This is going to be a great long wave and medium wave fall season. Sept. 11 (Brock Whaley, HI, DX Listening Digest)

** SLOVAKIA. Slovak unquieties [sic] --- From RSI webpage.

For the time October 2009 to July 2010 Radio Slovakia International is preparing a new competition cycle for the listeners. RSI will introduce unique historical monuments, collections, natural phenomenon, cultural heritage... Prizes will be won in every round! All entries will be put forward for the main prize, a week's stay at one of Slovakia's main holiday destinations.

For more latest quizzes, visit <http://www.RoseDWLC.tk>
(Ashik Eqbal Tokon, Rajshahi, Bangladesh, Sept 8, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SOMALILAND. 7145.06, Radio Hargeisa, 2005-2040+, Sept 5, Tentative. Someone here with a very weak signal with talk. Mid-east sounding music. Local string music & vocals. Fairly strong carrier but weak modulation (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest) On late for Ramadan, as previously suspected; about one week left (gh, Sept 14, DXLD)

** SPAIN. 11620, Sept 10 at 1940 with accordion music, announcement in English soon recognized as Justin Coe, ergo REE, weekday hour to Africa (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7200, SRTC, 0445-0451*, Sept 11, Presumed. Sounded like Sudan here with Arabic talk. On the air a little later than their usual 0430 sign off. Poor. Weak. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** SUDAN [non]. CYPRUS: BBC Darfur 17585 at 1725 with talk, HOA music. Arabic. Fair. // 15790 poor. 7 Sept.

PORUGAL: Sudan Radio Service 17745 at 1602 with news in Arabic. Excellent signal. 7 Sept (Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SYRIA. 12085, Radio Damascus, 1925-1930, Sept 5, French talk. Local music. Gone at 1933 check. Good modulation but strong hum in audio. 9330 not heard (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** TAIWAN. Just caught the last few minutes tonight (7 September) at 1853 of Radio Taiwan International 6155 via France with music and an announcement "The programmes of RTI have been temporarily suspended due to technical difficulties". No clues as to whether the problem was with the feed to the relay site or if it originated in Taiwan. Transmitter off at 1856 with no further announcement (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Spanish service via Issoudun is airing normally after a few minutes without audio. (2000 UT - 3965 kHz.) Cordialmente, (Tomàs Mèndez, QTH: El Prat de Llobregat-Barcelona Espanya, ibid.)

Happens also often RTI German service relays, at least since earthquake occurred in late Dec 2008. Disrupted feed may occur the fibre optic cable between Taiwan and Singapore - to 99.9% ? Never cause between TDF Paris and Issoudun tx site. 73 (Wolfgang Bischel, ibid.)

That has been happening with RTI Russian relay via France all the time - even before the earthquake. Sometime the music goes for a week or so. Again it's an old problem that has nothing to do with "the acts of God" (Sergei S., IL, *ibid.*)

Sergei, What are the dates and times this happened? Regards, (Keith Perron, Taiwan, *ibid.*)

Keith, do you really expect me to remember the dates? The technical problems that I mentioned happened back in 2007, 2008 and beginning of 2009. The time of RTI's Russian relay via France is from 14 to 15 UT. That's when I personally heard a lot of music and those English announcements in the past. There's another European broadcast at 1700 but I rarely listen to that show. I have to admit that I haven't listened to RTI Russian SW for a few months now.

The Russian service is well aware of the problem as they have quite a few active monitors in the xUSSR. I heard RTI Russian reading numerous letters from listeners complaining about the music. The station basically pleaded ignorance and suggested to useline delivery instead. (Sergei S., *ibid.*)

OK! I was asking because in your message below you didn't state that it was that far back (Keith Perron, *ibid.*)

When Nauen still had a transmission of RTI in Spanish they also often had to go after the files, calling up the control room in Taipeh and so.

The RTI transmissions via Issoudun take place by way of an airtime exchange with RFI, which in turn gets airtime in Taiwan also mediumwave. It seems that nobody at RFI cares for missing files. If nothing has been transferred in time some substitute audio will be played out, period. Of course the current strike can only make the situation even worse (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 8, *ibid.*)

** TAJIKISTAN. Zarya MW antennas: see RUSSIA [and non]

** TONGA. A3. Effective immediately, 60 meters is allowed on a secondary restricted basis using the same band plan and power limitations as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission for the US (QST de W1AW, DX Bulletin 36 ARLD036, From ARRL Headquarters, Newington CT September 10, 2009, To all radio amateurs via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

By '60 meters', hams mean half a dozen discrete frequencies in the 5.2-5.5 MHz area. I sometimes run across SSB transmissions sounding like hams but usually pass them over assuming they are merely

American. We need a refresher on exactly what these frequencies are, and exactly which countries allow ham activity on them.

Then I paid more attention, Sept 12 at 0518 on 5371, SSB ham contact on Neproxin (sp?), a drug working wonders on him; did not catch call, but sounded American, and the other side of conversation unheard, duplex? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. Something out of the ordinary: WRN has just secured a contract with IMG to broadcast English Football in Chinese to China every Saturday and Sunday. First match will be Sept 12 at 1345-1430 on 13860, 1425-1600 on 12180 kHz; on Sunday Sept 12 it will be 1045-1300 UT on 13860 (from Tashkent at 90 degrees). The times in weeks ahead vary, to be worked out (WRN Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Aos domingos a Voz da AmÈrica, no idioma francÙs, apresenta mÙsica popular americana de boa qualidade, das 16h #s 17h30 (hora de BrasÙlia) ou 19h #s 20h30 UTC, na frequÙncia de 17.550 kHz em 16 metros. A transmiss,ºo vem dos EEUU, vai atÈ Bonaire por satÈlite e de 1. emdas curtas para toda a AmÈrica do Sul e parte da ;frica. 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira SP, Brasil, Sept 6, dxclube pr yg via DXLD)

** U S A. FORMER VOA OFFICIAL PLEADS NOT GUILTY
By NEDRA PICKLER, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A former top official for Voice of America has pleaded not guilty to accusations that he was corrupted after being lavishly entertained by now-imprisoned lobbyist Jack Abramoff. Horace Cooper entered the plea during his arraignment Wednesday at federal court in Washington.

He is accused of taking thousands of dollars worth of tickets to sporting events and concerts like 'N Sync, the Dixie Chicks, and Bruce Springsteen without reporting them. He's also accused of receiving thousands of dollars in meals and drinks at the restaurant Abramoff owned and a Super Bowl party for him and about 25 friends.

Prosecutors say Cooper illegally advanced the interests of Abramoff and his clients when he was working as chief of staff at Voice of America and then the Labor Department. (AP-NY-09-09-09 1450EDT, via Dave Alpert | ABC News Los Angeles Bureau, DXLD)

** U S A. WINB continues to show disrespect for the Stars & Stripes and the National Anthem: 9265, Sept 10 at 1259 sign-off announcement starts by talking over the Star Spangled Banner (as if their airtime were too precious to separate them), 1300 off. It seems they do not come up on 13570 ASAP as per schedule. That was still inaudible at 1319. Does it start around 1400? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** U S A. WEWN spurs: Sept 10 at 1403, Spanish on 11550 accompanied by filthy FM rackets on 11540 and 11560. At 1408, 11550 had weakened a bit and suffered itself from the Taiwan off-frequency het (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Glenn: We are now running Wire Light Radio programs UT Wednesday and Friday 0500-0700 to North America, and we are continuing to beam north during the following hour from 0700-0800 on those days. Wednesday 0700 is World of Radio followed by Frecuencia al Día and Friday 0700-0800 we are going to run Happy Station next week to see how propagation is to the West Coast of North America at that hour on 9955 (Jeff White, WRMI, Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST) An updated WRMI program schedule xls grid as of Sept 12 has been placed in the DXLD yg files (gh, Sept 14, DXLD)

** U S A. Substituting for the ``Available Time Slot`` show on WBCQ 7415, Sunday Sept 6 at 2104 was a repeat of Allan Weiner Worldwide, which he said was // 5110, but that referred to the Friday 2300 live airing. Later in hour, as reception was improving, he was advising pirates not to deliberately interfere with other services, a good idea.

WBCQ, 7415, JBA here during 1900-1930 UT Thursday Sept 10 first airing of WORLD OF RADIO 1477. Before 1900 I had noticed 9330-CUSB on air with usual financial infomercial, and 9330 was also on at 1933 check with Amos & Andy, which is scheduled on 7415 only. So did much better daytime signal on 9330 stay on air too between 1900 and 1930 with World of Radio? Wish I had thought to check. Try that henceforth in case (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. YFR keeps shifting around different relay sites and frequencies, testing? 5930, weakly heard Sept 7 at 0053 with Harold Droning in English // 7360, both of which have adjacent interference from much stronger signals: 7365 DentoCuban Jamming Command and Radio Martí; 5935 WWCR and DGS. These are both via French Guiana.

5970, Sept 10 at 1215, chant-like speech in Asian language causing fast SAH of approx. 15 Hz with REE Costa Rica. 1227 ``Know Redeemer Liveth`` hymn theme, Korean, contact addresses for Family Radio. Per Aoki at 12-13 this is YFR via Komsomol'sk-na-Amure, DVR, while REE is direct from Spain, the latter obviously incorrect (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. A09 Schedule VT Communications Relays Pt 3 of 3:
WYFR
1300-1400 17735 DHA 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Kannada

1300-1500 17715 DHA 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Telugu/Tamil
1400-1500 9595 DHA 250 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Marathi
1400-1500 15520 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs Hindi
1500-1600 15520 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs English
1600-1700 11850 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs English
1700-1800 9790 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Amharic
1700-1800 13700 SKN 300 kW / 110 deg to ME Arabic
1700-1800 17545 ASC 250 kW / 085 deg to EaAf English
1700-1900 15760 WOF 250 kW / 102 deg to ME Turkish
1800-1900 6180 MEY 250 kW / 005 deg to SoAf English
1800-1900 9505 RMP 500 kW / 095 deg to CeEu Czech
1800-1900 9770 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAf English
1800-1900 11875 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to CeAf Igbo
1800-1900 13720 SKN 300 kW / 140 deg to NoAf Arabic
1800-1900 15435 WOF 300 kW / 170 deg to WeAs English
1830-1930 17585 ASC 250 kW / 085 deg to WeAf French
1900-2000 3230 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf English
1900-2000 3955 MEY 100 kW / 076 deg to SoAf Portuguese
1900-2000 5930 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg to EaAf Swahili
1900-2000 6100 MEY 100 kW / 335 deg to SoAf Portuguese
1900-2000 9685 DHA 250 kW / 260 deg to WCAF Hausa
1900-2000 9775 DHA 250 kW / 210 deg to WeAf English
1900-2000 11855 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to WCAF English
2000-2100 15195 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to CeAf English
2200-2300 NF 6035 ASC 250 kW / 250 deg to SoAm English, ex 9835, but now deleted
2300-0100 NF 7235 ASC 250 kW / 250 deg to SoAm English, ex 9835, but now deleted
0000-0300 7335 ASC 250 kW / 245 deg to SoAm English, deleted
0000-0300 9420 ASC 250 kW / 265 deg to SoAm English, deleted
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Sept 9 via DXLD)

** U S A. Notes from a MW bandscan on the caradio parked at Mazzio's in west Enid the afternoon of Sept 6, starting at 1930 UT, just an hour after local mean noon, so strictly daytime/groundwave conditions; I was pleasantly surprised by the lack of line noise despite a high-voltage line along main drag Garriott just a few metres away:

700: the sesquikilowatt outlet in The Metroplex, KHSE (COL Wylie TX), maintains a respectable marginal signal here some 400 km away on a 'clear' channel; at 1936 hearing a call-in show hosted by a YL, in a S Asian language, a few words of English mixed in occasionally, and bits of S Asian music. Later found program schedule at http://funasia.net/Files/rad_sunday.html which says during the 2-3 pm CT Sunday hour, it's ``Shiny Phillip, with Seven Tone Malayalam Radio, content being Malayalam Songs, Current Issues.'' It seems FunAsia also runs movie theatres, plus radio in Houston, etc. And ``Asia'' also extends to Ethiopia, at least

Sunday nights 9-11 pm.

760: Whatever became of Paul Harvey News & Comment, the Mon-Sat noontime show on hundreds, thousands? of radio stations, since Harvey died early this year? I really don't know, as quickly lost interest in looking for it at various offset times, and usually had only found it convenient to listen when rarely in the car midday.

If there is a similar successor show on the ABC radio network, bound to be less of a cash cow worth the multimillions PH earned, who's the successor, Paul Harvey, Jr.? Googling around, there was a lot of speculation about this the week after Sr. died in late Feb, but have not found a permanent answer. Home station WGN no longer has any 15-minute show on its sked around noon, just the hour-long Noon Show with Bob Sirott.

Anyhow, kinda miss the old guy so was pleased to run across him tho with a much younger unimpaired voice from his primer years, Sunday Sept 6 at 1933 UT on 760 which is KCCV Overland Park KS (Kansas City), which running only 6 kW daytimes, has quite a respectable coverage area on lowish frequency combined with superb ground conductivity over Kansas and Oklahoma; tho the website coverage map shows it not quite reaching Newkirk OK near the KS border, we are right in one of its main NE/SW lobes, and the signal does reach here.

Harvey was talking (preaching?) about the Cold War years, and so on; not a short feature apparently, and still going at 1946 recheck. Found the program schedule at
http://www.bottradionetwork.com/programming/guide/station/6/KANSAS_CITY_KCCV.html?day=

and 2:30-3:00 pm CT Sundays is ``The Complete Story'', the speaker supposedly Mr Dick Bott, founder of the Bott Radio Network which owns this station and several others in KS and surrounding states including KQCV 800 in OKC. This week he must have turned over the mike to the late Paul Harvey, who was also known for ``The Rest of the Story''. ``The Complete Story'' is also on the schedule at various other times during the week, probably filling unsold semihours, and just about all the other programming is more overtly religious, indeed with each show under the heading ``Ministry''. [answer below]

840: I always look for 5 kW KTIC West Point NE when doing a low-noise daytime bandscan here, and there it was Sept 6 at 1945 with music noted as nostalgia, ad mentioning 605 area code phone number several times. Well, 605 = the entire state of South Dakota next door, so must be close enough to presume, as IDed before and there's nothing closer or more likely. NRC AM log says C&W however, and slogan ``The Information Center''.

1110: KFAB Omaha used to be the weak but dominant daytime occupant of frequency, but now it's something with a Spanish announcement, norteña music, with KFAB only providing signs of a SAH, Sept 6 at 1943 UT. It's the new Metroplex outlet KJSA, daytimer with 20 kW, but at this higher frequency no better than the sesquikilowatt on 700, some 400 km away. The new NRC-AM Log 2009, which I have also consulted for info about the other logs here, says format is Tejano and has CP for 50 kW day, 39 kW critical hours.

The station exists tnx to getting rid of KEOR Atoka in SE OK too near TX and too near 1110, on 1120 by moving it to Catoosa near Tulsa where it remains silent after some music tests early this year, and a pending sale to the Catholix which fell thru.

1280: do not hear het on 1280 daytimes, but just to be sure it's not my semi-local KSOK Ark City KS, I BFO its frequency once I get home at 2015 UT on the YB-400, and no, it's not significantly off-frequency. O, never mind, as KSOK is a daytimer anyway, and thus unlikely to be on in the nightmiddle when the het was heard.

1580 and 1590: at 1940 UT Sept 6, noticed KOKB-1580 Blackwell OK and KVGB-1590 Great Bend KS were // in talk show, several speakers, something about Las Vegas. Not sure if sports oriented, expected with KOKB, as did not stay with them long. Looked up later, none of the networks for KVGB in NRC AM Log match Fox Sports Radio on KOKB. I am assuming KVGB since it's the nondirectional dominant here daytimes; altho KWEY Weatherford OK may be a bit closer, it's directional away from us.

[1670 talking house and 99.7 KZLS: see OKLAHOMA]
(Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Glenn, The old Paul Harvey show is now known as "News and Comment" and is hosted by Gil Gross. It airs in my local market KAPS 660, Mt. Vernon, WA at 12 noon weekdays (2000 UT). That's got to be one of the longest-running radio network news shows in the U.S., along with CBS "World News Roundup." 73, (Keith Beesley, Seattle WA, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. The local KMOX longtime announcer and night-time program host Jim White died recently. (Since KMOX had a wide coverage area and his main program was at night, he may well be known by many radio listeners outside St. Louis.) Here's the Post-Dispatch obituary:
<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/stlouiscounty/story/4083C5A4DCFA135986257626001C52E7?OpenDocument>
73, (Will Martin, MO, DXLD)

** U S A. RONNIE MILSAP SHOW --- We are doing the technical side of Ronnie's Podcasts ITunes , Zune and a number of other outlets. ITunes and Zune have not added the feed yet I suppose it will take a week or so. In the meantime this is the direct RSS feed. It shows up better with the graphic in Firefox rather than Internet Exploder.

Ronnie does everything himself his computers equipped with Jaws. He does all the production and music all by himself then sends me the file. He is currently doing this in his iDog houseî as he calls it using his Autogram Minimix the we put in for him. The same little console I am using and oddly enough and the same console Art Bell used in his desert home.

Ronnie is a most amazing gentleman. Thatís why they gave him the call sign WB4KCG (kind country gentleman). I hope everyone is able to enjoy this broadcasts. (podcasts) We are running some of them shortwave!

<http://www.tedrandall.com/milsap/rss/rss.xml>

(Ted Randall, Radio Disclosure, QSO Radio Show, Sept 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hi Everyone: Been spending time on 1510 lately because KGA is frequently missing or way down in the mud. Normally it's a big pest up here. I was hearing sports programming and thinking it was KGA, I heard this ID:

1510 WWZN MA, Boston, barely above the noise floor with full ID "WWZN-1510-Boston" at 04:00EDT 9/7

First time I've heard a MA station here in a long long time, and first newe heard this season (Mike [Stonebridge?] in St Isidore, AB with AOR 7030+ and 1000' E/W beverage, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. Hi Glenn, The New York Times has a nice story, and accompanying slide show, about low-powered KXZI in Creston, Montana at <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/08/us/08radio.html>
Cheers (Matt Francis, Sydney, Australia, Sept 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FROM A PORCH IN MONTANA, LOW-POWER RADIO'S VOICE RISES
Creston Journal, Jim Wilson/The New York Times

Scott Johnston broadcasts KXZI radio from his 90-year-old farmhouse. Congress is considering legislation that could double the number of such low-power stations to about 1,600 from 800. By KIRK JOHNSON
[caption] Published: September 7, 2009

CRESTON, Mont. ó The floor of the broadcast booth at KXZI radio, which is, truth be told, really just Scott Johnston's front porch, slopes gently down toward the yard, as 90-year-old farmhouse porches tend to

do.

The station's low signal goes only so far in its rural Montana locale.
Enlarge This Image Jim Wilson/The New York Times [caption]

Mr. Johnston, once a folksinger, says that small stations like his, if royalty payments for Web-streaming remain affordable, could have equal footing to compete with the biggest stations in the world.

Mr. Johnston's antenna, out by the big cottonwood trees that line the road, is not as fortified as it might be either. Unsupported by wires, it sways in the wind, so that when a storm front strikes northwest Montana, the station's signal fluctuates. And even in the best of times, 100 watts go only so far ó the music cannot be heard even in nearby homes because the signal does not penetrate walls very well.

Mainstream media it is not.

"I think some of my neighbors don't even know I exist," said Mr. Johnston, a bearded 58-year-old who looks more like the folk musician he once was than anybody's idea of a media mogul.

But low-power noncommercial radio stations like Mr. Johnston's, which emerged about 10 years ago in a brief window of eased federal regulation intended to foster competition with the big corporate radio chains, might be soon about to roar, some communications experts say ó or at least squeak loudly enough to be heard.

A bill now before Congress, and considered by some low-power radio advocates to have a good chance of passage this year, would potentially double the number of licensed, low-power stations from about 800 now to perhaps 1,600 or more. . .

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/08/us/08radio.html?emc=eta1>
(via Bruce MacGibbon, OR, DXLD)

** U S A. Re 9-068, KRKO TOWERS DOWN: Some pertinent correspondence from almost a year ago:

Dear Sir: I'm a radio buff and saw the article. I'm confused. Four towers were built for one of your stations in the last few months but the city won't let two more towers go up for KRKO?? Do you have permission from the city to build the new site?? I saw the article in the paper. I'm a radio buff and live in Ohio. Thanks, (Artie Bigley, Columbus, to KRKO, via DXLD)

The two new towers are so that we can put a new radio station on the air at 1520 kHz. KRKO has everything it needs to operate. Thanks for asking (Andrew Skotdal, President/General Manager, NorthSound 1380

(KRKO-AM), 2707 Colby Avenue, Suite 1380, Everett, Washington 98201,
22 Oct 2008, to Artie, via DXLD)

I figured that out yesterday but why would the government not zone the towers for 1520 when they zoned the new tower site for KRKO. I saw that article where one person now wants the FCC to take away your CP to move KRKO. They sound pretty stupid if you ask me. Also, the person writing the article appears to be ignorant of what a CP is. Thanks (Artie Bigley, to KRKO, *ibid.*)

** U S A. Riddle Radio-1640 in Prescott, Arizona is now back on the air after being off the air for the summer. I live about 9 miles from them and they are heard very good here. For a little on the history of Riddle Radio see the link below.

<http://riddleradio.pr.erau.edu/about/history.html>
(Bill Block, prescott Valley, AZ, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. More clueless applicants (or more attempts to put one over on the FCC that aren't working?) There have been three interesting FM applications filed in the last week ---

One was for an auxiliary backup transmitter for a station on 96.1 in Lockhart-Orlando, Florida. As I think our Florida readers know, there is no legal station on 96.1 in the Orlando area (though I wouldn't doubt there are a few pirates). Can't have a backup license if there is no main station to back up!

Next, there was an application to modify the license of a station on 96.1 in Lockhart-Orlando, Florida. See above: there is no license to modify!

Finally, they decided to file for the main station in Orlando for which they wished to have a backup transmitter. 2 kW at 1 meter. (antenna 3 feet off the ground. I guess you'd have to use a 2 kW transmitter into a single bay, any antenna with any gain would be taller than 1 meter and couldn't be installed at 1 meter HAAT unless you dug a hole first! In any case it would be pretty difficult to comply with RF exposure rules!)

They also managed to mangle the tower coordinates - placing the antenna in the Cayman Islands ñ (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, Sept 11, WTFDA via DXLD)

** VANUATU. 3945, 1209-1218* Sep 7. Vocal music to 1217, then apparent closedown announcement by man. Presumed anthem at 1218, then open carrier for about 5 minutes before cutting transmitter. Fair at best. Ditto next day (Sep 8) within a minute or two (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake -8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

3945, R. Vanuatu (presumed), 1217-1220*, Sept. 7, Sounded like Pidgin; Anthem; transmitter off at 1225; almost fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1477, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3945, R. Vanuatu, 1201-1217*, Sept. 9. Sounded like Pidgin; Christian religious sermon; EZL songs; 1215 Vanuatu time check and sign off announcement (quite a few frequencies given); Anthem; mostly poor with QRN and ham QRM.

3945, R. Vanuatu, 1204, Sept. 11. Sounded like Pidgin; Christian religious sermon; he was long winded today and running late; ended with: iThank you Lord Ö amen Ö have a nice dayi; 1220, brief sign off announcement (iRadio Vanuatu Ö half past 5i [sign-on time?]); did not have time to give frequencies; Anthem; 1222*. Sign off times varies daily between 3 to 5 minutes. This is now regularly heard every day and so far the format after 1200 is always the same (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. Hi Glenn, Just saw this interesting piece BBC Mundo website. When I was doing the English-language service at RNV from 1990-1992, there were times that they wouldn't even turn the transmitter. We were working, taping and writing, and we weren't even the air. RNV has always been a strange place; no one really listened to our broadcasts, save for a few DXers.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/america_latina/
2009/09/090903_2245_venezuela_onda_corta_rb.shtml
(Marty DelfIn, Madrid, Spain, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have just been informed by my contact at Radio Havana, Cuba, who frequently acts as a relay for Radio Nacional de Venezuela, that the e-mail for reception reports for Radio Nacional de Venezuela is:

"R. Nacional de Venezuela" <aherrera .. @ .. enet.cu>

(You will need to remove the " .. " stuff to make it work, though. I have added this to my list (Dave Askine, NASWA yg vi DXLD)

R. Nacional de VENEZUELA. I'm aware that R.N.V.'s programs are relayed via Cuban xmtrs. but are the programs sent over somehow from Venezuela? Or does Cuba do the production for them at the studios at R.H.C., or something like that? 73 (Rick Barton, Arizona, Sept 7, ABDX via DXLD)

My guess is that the production is done in Caracas and sat fed or landline fed to Cuba (Jerry Lenamon, Waco TX, ibid.)

RNV programming is clearly produced in Caracas, and fed somehow to Cuba. That is, the one-hour daily broadcasts at several times.

Except the runup to Alo, Presidente on Sunday mornings (when Hugo actually appears), is produced at RHC from as early as 1400, until joining RNV approximately 1530. 73, (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

** VENEZUELA. VENEZUELA OPENS NEW PROBE INTO ANTI-CHAVEZ TV
Sat Sep 5, 7:45 pm ET
http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090905/ap_on_re_la_am_ca/lt_venezuela_media

CARACAS, Venezuela ñ Venezuela's telecommunications chief announced a new probe into a television station opposed to President Hugo Ch·vez's government Saturday, and said 29 broadcasters will soon face closure. Diosdado Cabello said the most recent investigation into Globovision, the sixth in eight months, was opened because the channel allegedly broadcast a ticker strip of text messages from viewers calling for a coup.

"If you call for a coup d'Etat, if you call for an assassination, assume the responsibility," Cabello said.

Venezuela's government has increasingly clashed with private media Ch·vez accuses of conspiring against him. The series of investigations into GlobovisiÛn, the only fiercely anti-Ch·vez channel remaining the open airwaves, could lead to its closure.

GlobovisiÛn director Alberto Federico Ravell told The Associated Press the announcement "does not surprise us."

"We live in a state of confusion and anguish, but Minister Diosdado will not scare us with a new threat," Ravell said.

Cabello added that 29 unspecified broadcasters under investigation by regulators "will soon leave" the airwaves. Since July, regulators have shut down 32 radio stations and two small television stations while opening probes of more than 200 others.

Media groups and human rights activists accuse Chavez's government of trying to stifle dissent. The government denies it is targeting media for political reasons, saying the stations under investigation have broken broadcasting regulations (via Henrik Klemetz, DXLD)

VENEZUELA TO CLOSE MORE RADIO STATIONS

CARACAS, Sept 5 (Reuters) - Venezuela will pull the plug on 29 more radio stations, a top official in President Hugo Ch·vez's government said on Saturday, just weeks after dozens of other outlets were closed

in a media clampdown.

Infrastructure Minister Diosdado Cabello closed 34 radio stations in July, saying the government was "democratizing" media ownership. Critics say the move limits freedom of expression and has taken critical voices off the airwaves.

The powerful Chávez ally has threatened to close over 100 stations in total, part of a long-term campaign against private media that the government says are biased against Chávez's government.

"Another 29 will be gone before long," he told thousands of Chávez supporters at a political rally, without giving details which stations would be closed or when.

Cabello also said he was launching a new legal case against Globovisión, the country's most prominent anti-government television network, accusing it of inciting a coup against Chávez. . .
<http://uk.reuters.com/article/idUKN0520744720090905? pageNumber=2&virtualBrandChannel=0&sp=true>
(via Joe Buch, FL, DXLD)

** VIETNAM. Re: ``I was able to confirm that 7435 kHz broadcasted it at night (local time). received at 1157-1202* UT Sep. 4. It is completely blocked until 1157 by CRI-Chinese same freq. de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, dxldyg via DXLD)''

Hi Sei-ichi, Thanks to this tip, was able to hear VOV-1 Sept. 6, 7435. At 1153 heard in Vietnamese under CRI (which signed off at 1157). VOV-1 signed off at 1201. Sept. 7 noted VOV-1 with 1158*. Stronger here than the parallel 5975, which continued (scheduled for 1700*).

Have also recently noted a strong signal from VOV 12019.49v, in the time periods of 1200 to 1227* (Japanese); 1230 to 1257* (English); 1300 to 1327* (Indonesian) and 1330 to 1357* (English); // 9839.86v. (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, *ibid.*)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. via Algeria, 6297.07, LV de la RASD, 2145-2200, Sept 7, still off nominal 6300 as I first reported back August 30. Arabic talk. Local music. Good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, RTZ Dole, 1847-1903, Sept 6, Arabic/listed Swahili. Kor'an-like chanting under co-channel unID; sounds Portuguese; possibly Brazil tho 3:00 PM N.H. time seems early for that; 5+1 pips at 1901 followed by M news; soundbites; poor-fair (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11735, RTZ, provided some nice Arab music to doze by, Sept 10 from 1950 to 2020 when went back to mostly talk. Lo audible het thruout but Zanzibar atop and not too bothersome. Is Radio Rossii active there, or was the het internally produced? Nothing else listed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 0 yeah, Brasil sometimes active (gh)

11735, Radio Tanzania-Zanzibar, 1800-1815, Sept 11, English news. iVoice of Tanzania-Zanzibar ID. Swahili talk at 1809. Arabic style music at 1814. Good signal but difficult to understand the English due to thick accent. Weak unidentified co-channel QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hi Everyone, I came across something a little different last night. Any ideas? 1535.50v, 0805, English, someone here, threshold, with country music. Occasional talk by a man with references to "Northland." Also an ad string with 7-digit phone numbers (as opposed to 8-digit numbers in Australia) makes me think this is from NZ. Whoever it is, they're way off frequency, even if it's a second harmonic. Still in at 1200, hoping for ID but had music across-the-hour and with classic hits (oldies) --- Buddy Holly, etc. Sandwiched nicely between two semi-locals on 1530 and 1539 kHz. Freq seemed to drift from .44 to .50-ish. 6 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia. Used NRD-535D and FT-950 for this log, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3945, 0030-0100* 09.09 Arabic recitations of the Qu'ran [sic] praising Allah, at close talk mentioning Tehran, so maybe VOIRI ? 45444 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** UNIDENTIFIED. 4900, S. Korea Spy Station?, 1330-1339*, Sept 4. For a few seconds was excited that this might be the return of the Voice of Strait, as I heard Asian singing, but then went to woman with series of numbers in Korean; fair. Transmitter off at 1340. This sounded the same as heard in the past 6215. First time I have heard them here! (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5785-5845, presumed OTH radar clix from China, Sept 10 at 1225. And 4840-4890 at 1232 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Here on the West Coast this has even wider coverage and has been here for several days. Very strong interference and have been unable to hear some of the regulars in this frequency range (Mongolia on 4830, etc.).

About 50% of the time now I am unable to hear PBS Yunnan on 6937, due

to this same type of interference. Hope this does not become a habit!
(Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 5810: also heard this on the 6th at good strength, but at around 0645 UT. At recheck 0705 it had gone. Conditions 5 & 6 MHZ from North America were fair, so if it wasn't something European, then I too would favour the Caribbean (Noel Green, NW England, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The strong carrier was present again before 0700 on 5810 - with a slight hum to it. It was tipping the S meter to 9 occasionally, which was much stronger than any of RHC's 6 MHz frequencies (Noel R. Green (NW England), Sept 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6110, open carrier as I tuned in at 2107 Sept 6, then off after a few sec. Likely VOA Greenville tuning up for Spanish service which does not start until 2300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. My 49m bandscan uncovering signals out of the noise level earlier than expected found TADIL-A beeping on 6130, greatly improved with BFO on, Sept 6 at 2107; 5 beeps and then a longer noise/data burst. However, one could also detect briefer noise/data bursts at the end of each short beep (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7175 at 2101 Sept 6, sure sounded like DRM roar centered here, but there would not be any broadcaster now that it's a ham band. But it could be Ethiopian jamming against Eritrea, which others have reported sounds a lot like DRM (or could even be DRM used for this nefarious purpose?). But it vanished at 2102 before I could monitor any further. Could also have been ham experimenting with DRM, or would that have been restricted to below 7100? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED 7556: And re the utility hash the high side of 7555 [QRMING WEWN 7555 as gh has reproted] - - - this station [below] in France has been monitored by the ITU for a long time - in this instance by Klagenfurt [Austria]. It used to send what I think was facsimile (galloping horses sound), but for several years has been sending what I think is a form of STANAG digital. It seems to be air whenever I tune across it at all times of the day, and usually at good strength. But it is possible to receive broadcasters 7555 as long as they are strong enough, and by using LSB.

AUT KLAGENFURT 7556.40 13 07 1230 1300 27.0 F FX 3K00E J7D 002 E 00 43 N 00 252 B (Noel R. Green (NW England), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: 7556: FUG Le Regine
approx G.C. 43 23'13.09"N 02 05'51.19"E
is 253 degrees azimuth from Klagenfurt.

more [blurred] 26 masts next to VLF tall mast installation.
43 23'32.59"N 02 06'08.93"E

FUG Le Regine RTTY 62.6 kHz

though the image is a little bit dimmed-blurred, also a log-periodic antenna visible north of the TX house building.

<http://www.terraserver.com/view.asp?cx=427538&cy=4804886&proj=32631&mpp=0.5&pic=img&prov=gx49&stac=7013&ovrl=-1&drwl=-1>

<http://www.terraserver.com/view.asp?cx=427530&cy=4804648&proj=32631&mpp=0.5&pic=img&prov=gx49&stac=7013&ovrl=-1&drwl=-1>

<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=43.392386&lon=2.102481&z=17.9&r=0&src=msl>

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=+43%C2%B023%2732.59%22N++2%C2%B0+6%278.93%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=20.808164,57.084961&ie=UTF8&ll=43.392388,2.102487&spn=0.011741,0.027874&t=h&z=16&iwloc=A

<http://www.bing.com/maps/default.aspx?v=2&FORM=LMLTCP&cp=43.3904~2.099698&style=h&lvl=16&tilt=-90&dir=0&alt=-1000&phx=0&phy=0&phscl=1&encType=1>

what's J7D mode ? Multiplex 12 tone system ? wb (Wolfgang B, schel, ibid.)

Wolfy - thanks for the interesting info and pictures from FUG Le Regine 7556.4. It's quite a big site. I don't know what J7D mode is, but it doesn't sound (to me anyway) like a Multiplex 12 tonal system.

To my ears it sounds like DRM but with a juddering/vibrating sound. There are many similar sounding transmissions audible daily - 6230 is a regular here, 6895 is another, and I heare 11540 today. This frequency appears to be used according to propagation the day. All at around 0900UT. The ex Royal Navy Station at Longridge - eastwards about 5 miles distant from my location - is known to carry these type of transmissions. e is booming in here currently 3289. All frequencies approximate.

And yes, FUG Le Regine RTTY 62.6 kHz is also audible here - signal not

moving the S meter - with slight time pips QRM from Anthorn 60.00 kHz.
(Noel R. Green (NW England), *ibid.*)

Thanks dear Noel. Longridge, - I guess is located at
UK Inskip aerial farm
53 49'27.02"N 02 50'09.18"W

<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=53.824172&lon=-2.835883&z=15.8&r=0&src=msl>

<http://www.bing.com/maps/default.aspx?v=2&FORM=LMLTCP&cp=53.824212~-2.835883&style=h&lvl=16&tilt=-90&dir=0&alt=-1000&phx=0&phy=0&phscl=1&where1=53%C2%B049'27.02%22N%20%2002%C2%B050'09.18%22W&encType=1>

<http://www.panoramio.com/photo/22821496>
<http://static.panoramio.com/photos/original/22821496.jpg>

<http://www.panoramio.com/photo/22319900>
<http://static.panoramio.com/photos/original/22319900.jpg>
(Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks Wolfy - that's correct, and I don't know why I typed Longridge!
That place is further east from me, and has no radio station!
Inskip is the correct name - and in photo 22319900 can be seen their
log periodic antenna, which is also visible from the M55 motorway.
Excellent photos (Noel R. Green, *ibi.*)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9000 - (UNKNOWN ORIGIN) 0950-1000 + One of Uncle Harry's "Foghorns" (see Underground Frequency Guide, Harry L. Helms). strong, but without hi-lo tones that gave it its name. found while checking to see if Chinese Firedrake jammer was on here. i should note that no Firedrakes were audible on any frequency this session. also caught "Foghorn" bursts at 1000 on 6830. (9/9 Barton-AZ)

[Later:] The other frequency for FOGHORN (Over Horizon Radar pulses - allegedly) should have read 5830, not 6830. 73, and Good Listening to all ! (Rick Barton, Phoenix, Arizona, Drake R-8, ramdom outdoor wire, Palomar tuned MW loop, ABDX via DXLD)

I noticed in your second post that you referred to the "Foghorns" as Over-the-Horizon Radar. Is this the similar to the Russian Woodpecker of the 70s and 80s? (Larry Wild, Old guy from South Dakota, *ibid.*)

??? Without hi-lo tones, seems to me it is no longer like a foghorn, nor is this anything like the sounds of OTH radar, woodpecker (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. A weak het on 9600 caught my ear Sept 6 at 2036, roughly one semikHz on the hi side, or more like 9600.4. That immediately brings visions of XEYU, Radio UNAM, Mexico City, which when last

active a couple years ago was always slightly off-frequency on the low side. But we have no reason to believe it's back on the air, since the engineer who was trying to keep it on SW moved to another job. What else might be off-frequency here? Not likely Kashgar with its rather new equipment, but which probably provided the other side of the het. Habana not on the air at this hour, for sure. There is really nothing else listed anywhere, so a faint hope remains for XEYU, with further chex called for (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. SSB intruders, 11789.9, again being heard on apparently regular morning schedule in tonal Asian language, Sept 10 at 1405, intermittent conversation, last heard around 1428 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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Note: I have raised a number of questions in the logs below, so it would be nice if some answers or discussion would follow. On some of the lists where I post my logs, hardly anyone ever replies, making me wonder if anyone is even reading them. 73, (Glenn, preface to a recent log report)

Glenn, I for one wish to thank you for your logs. As I've only recently returned to SWL after almost a 40 year absence I'm finding them very helpful as I re-learn this hobby. Thank you, (Pacha Kaye, ptsw yg via DXLD)

I enjoy them very much. Once I get out of my apartment and into something that will allow me to have an outdoor antenna, I hope to follow in your footsteps with SW Dxing (Fender Esquire, ibid.)

Hello Glenn, Just wanted to drop a line to let you know I read everything i see your name on. Am new into SWLING, but have been a Ham Radio Operator for about 50 years now. Hi. Oh, I have tuned around some but never stayed on one frequency long enough to listen to a program, etc.. Really enjoy the SWLING and do not miss the part of being able to talk to the Radio Station. Hi Hi. Keep up the logs as i for one will be scanning them over. Also joined the NASWA club. Thank You, Regards, (Herb WA3HGT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also received several other responses, saying they appreciate the logs but really have nothing to add (gh)

PUBLICATIONS

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From 1st November, the 2010 edition of WRTH will be available to pre-order through the WRTH website. The 2009 edition is still available via the website (Sean Gilbert, WRTH International Editor via Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LANGUAGE LESSONS

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Alman/Aleman/Alemania

Glenn, The Alamanni were a proto-Germanic speaking tribe or group of tribes living in Europe during Roman times. No doubt that's where the terms Allemagne/Aleman etc. in a number of languages originated.

There was a noted jazz guitarist from Argentina named Oscar Aleman.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alamanni>

73, (Keith B., ABDX via DXLD)

The Arabs probably got the name for Germany from the Spaniards. Spanish and French are Latin derivatives and it may come ultimately from the Latin. Germany is the other side of the Alps (note the AL) from Italy, home of Latin. May have something to do with "Alpine Land." (David R. Block, ptsw yg via DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES IFA: see GERMANY

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DX-PEDITIONS

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Our latest South African DXpedition is posted at:

http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/jongensgat_2009_08.doc

Highlight was Gary getting Falkland Islands for a South African first. My excellent Kiwa MW Loop gave up the ghost and refused to work after 25 years

(John Plimmer, Montagu, Western Cape Province, South Africa
South 33 d 47 m 32 s, East 20 d 07 m 32 s
Icom IC-7600,
ERGO software
Drake SW8. Sangean 803A, Eton E100
Sony 7600D, GE SRIII, Redsun RP2100
Antenna's RF Systems DX 1 Pro Mk II, Datong AD-270
Kiwa MW Loop.
<http://www.dxing.info/about/dxers/plimmer.dx>
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am quite surprised that Falklands [q.v.] had not been heard in RSA before, as it's ``right across the pond'', rather like Ireland to Newfoundland (gh, DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC
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The IBOC mess in North America

<http://radio-timetraveller.blogspot.com/2009/08/iboc-mess-in-north-america.html>
(via Terry Wilson, MI, dxldyg via DXLD)

HD Radio Movement

``The point is that no one cares about hearing an all news AM station in what is supposed to be FM quality. They just want to hear the news and good old analog is good enough. 73 KAZ wondering when the AM IBOC ship is scuttled for good.''

I agree partially. I DO like having an AM news or talk station in HD for two reasons - When you go under a bridge and the signal drops out, the 5-second buffer takes over - you don't miss a word while the radio transitions from digital to analog and back to digital (the radio is just going into analog as you emerge from under the bridge, then goes back to digital when the buffer is filled again). Also, while listening to the radio in a noisy vehicle, and for those people like my Dad who has attenuated high-end hearing, having a wider frequency response aids in listening to and understanding the program. Heck, if you go to Best Buy for the new portable HD radio, you won't even HAVE the option of listening to AM - period. Senseless.

The thing I DON'T LIKE about the current trend of transition to HD on AM is that it seems to be mainly the TALK stations that are doing it rather than the MUSIC stations (where it would make much more sense with the wider frequency response and stereo capability, and help them compete with FM stations). I know of just three AM HD music stations here on the entire West Coast (all are Radio Disney outlets) and am

not aware of any others (KLOK 1170 in San Francisco was the only other HD music station out here, and they dropped their HD signal last month).

It is very interesting that many of these new HD AM talk stations are the very same stations that used to arbitrarily conclude (without any real study or an institutional-backed listener survey) that "no one cares" about stereo on a talk station. Though most of these stations are now upgraded to HD and are stereo, there are still many that seem to slap on an HD exciter and plug their monaural analog feed into it without further upgrade to their audio chain, not even including a text screen-crawl station slogan (KFI 640 being an example) - all of which doesn't seem to justify the HD equipment and licensing cost, except perhaps for bragging rights that "we are now in HD" (barely, that is). There's simply no excuse for any AM HD station not to have stereo content over their HD signal what with how easy it is to acquire a streamed STL link. If you're gonna do it and spend buku bucks to do it, then do it right (Darwin Long, CA, Sept 9, ABDX via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See GERMANY

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM see also ANTARCTICA; GERMANY;

++++++ UNIDENTIFIED 7175 and 7556

Uniwave Di-Wave 100 DRM Shortwave Receiver can now be pre-ordered online at AUD 499 (\$ 430 Approx) here : [presumably second figure means US dollars]: <http://tinyurl.com/lexwf5>

As per Av-Comm Pty Ltd, production of this receiver begins at end of Oct'09 & will be despatched upon receipt of first batch. This price is more than double what some sources had indicated earlier.

According to a Belarussian forum, a representative from Uniwave indicated retail price for Di-Wave 100 receiver as 250 Euro or 330 \$. Here's the link to translated version of the Belarussian forum : <http://tinyurl.com/nqlbac>

Uniwave website has also been updated & now shows availability Mid Sept 2009

The di-wave will be officially launch to the market at the IBC show in Amsterdam, September 11th to 15th 2009 , during a big event at the IBC beach with all DRM members, broadcasters on September 11th at 5 pm.

Di-wave 100 will be launch in the Americas at CES show in Las Vegas from January 7th to 10th, 2010 (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, Sept 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This retailer AV-Comm in Sydney that is selling the Di-Wave 100 DRM has a reputation of always asking a premium. I have purchased many satellite items from them (that is their main business) and you always pay a very high price, but the store only sells high quality items and quite often stocks equipment that is hard to obtain elsewhere. They provide a good service and support, but I wouldn't be surprised if you could find much better prices elsewhere. Cheers, (Mark Fahey, NSW, ibid.)

DRM RECEIVER PROFILES RELEASED AT IBC 2009

Amsterdam, 11th Sep 2009: The DRM Digital Radio Receiver Profiles, which define minimum functionality for different classes of digital radio receivers, have been released in Amsterdam at IBC today. The Profiles aim to help manufacturers build stand-alone DRM or multi-standard receivers and stimulate digital radio markets across the world.

The Receiver Profiles offer significant benefits to all stakeholders in the radio market; for broadcasters they provide assurance that their services will be receivable and for manufacturers that their technology investments will be supported by a wide choice of services. For consumers the Receiver Profiles ensure that the products they purchase have the necessary features to offer consistent quality and assured levels of interoperability across their region and beyond. Regulators can use the Receiver Profiles to develop strategies and policies for digital radio broadcasting within national boundaries or with reference to trans-national and harmonised markets.

The Profiles have been developed by the DRM Consortium with the aid of its member experts representing silicon chip manufacturers, consumer device manufacturers, radio broadcasters and other experts from across the industry. The development of the Receiver Profiles has taken into account important market considerations including the consumer experience, manufacturing issues and broadcaster requirements.

Lindsay Cornell, Chairman, DRM Technical Committee and BBC's Principal Systems Architect, says: *i*Products conforming to the DRM Receiver Profiles will provide a step change in usability over analogue radios. The Profiles are composed of mandatory features which must be implemented and recommended features which offer enhancements with wide appeal. Manufacturers may offer additional features in order to differentiate their product from others.*î*

Ruxandra Obreja, Chairperson DRM and Controller Business Development, BBC World Service, says: *i*The DRM Consortium will actively encourage its members to adopt the DRM Digital Radio Receiver Profiles. With

ETSI approval of our system enhancement to include DRM+, DRM offers a total solution for digital switch over. The Receiver Profiles should stimulate the receiver manufacturing industry paving the way for full DRM roll-outâ

The DRM Receiver Profiles document can be accessed by clicking on the link below. http://www.drm.org/uploads/media/DRM_Receiver_Profiles.pdf
This link will be active after 5pm on Friday, 11th of September

For more information and DRM updates please visit <http://www.drm.org> or subscribe to DRM news by writing to [pressoffice @drm.org](mailto:pressoffice@drm.org)

DRM Consortium, Postal Box 360, 1218 Grand-Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland (DRM press release Sept 10 via DXLD) also at Media Network blog

SCHEDULE OF DRM BROADCASTS SHORT WAVES. PART ONE OF TWO:

0100-0200 6080 SAC 070 kW / 288 deg NoAM CRI English
0100-0300 15735 K/A 090 kW / 213 deg Asia VOR Russian
0200-0300 9500 SOF 020 kW / 306 deg NoAm Radio Bulgaria English
0230-0330 15295 KAJ 090 kW / 133 deg AUS RTM English
0300-0500 15735 K/A 090 kW / 213 deg Asia VOR English
0300-2100 6085 ISM 010 kW / non-dir WeEu BR-B5akt German
0400-0500 3995 SIN 090 kW / 040 deg WeEu BBC/DW various
0400-0700 9400 SOF 020 kW / 306 deg WeEu BNRHorizont Bulgarian Fri
0459-0658 11675 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg Pac RNZI English
0500-0600 17525 TRM 090 kW / 045 deg EaAs DW English
0500-0700 3995 SKN 100 kW / 120 deg WeEu BBC/DW English
0500-0900 9780 NOB 100 kW / 050 deg WeEu REE Spanish
0600-0700 6130 SIN 090 kW / 030 deg WeEu BBC/DW English
0600-0900 11900 SOF 020 kW / 306 deg WeEu BNRHorizont Bulgarian Sa/Su
0630-0715 6095 JUN 050 kW / 060 deg WeEu RTL Radio German
0630-0900 17660 DRW 100 kW / 340 deg CHN CVC Chinese
0659-1058 7285 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg Pac RNZI English
0700-0800 17755 DRW 040 kW / 314 deg SEAs TDP Radio Dance Music
0700-0800 5790 WOF 100 kW / 114 deg WeEu BBC/DW English
0700-1000 9545 SIN 090 kW / 030 deg WeEu BBC/DW English
0700-1100 9925 WAV 100 kW / 167 deg SoEu RTBF French Tue/Thu
0715-0730 6095 JUN 050 kW / 060 deg WeEu MW Heukelbach
0730-0800 6095 JUN 050 kW / 060 deg WeEu Radio Freundesdienst German
0800-0900 12095 TRM 090 kW / 345 deg IND DW English
0800-0900 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu TDP Radio Dance Music Mon
0800-1000 9730 KLG 015 kW / 220 deg WeEu VOR Russian
0800-1000 12060 MSK 035 kW / 265 deg WeEu VOR English
0800-1400 13810 SIN 090 kW / 040 deg WeEu BBC/DW English
0800-1615 6095 JUN 050 kW / 060 deg WeEu RTL Radio German

0830-1000 11995 SIN 090 kW / 052 deg WeEu RDP Int Portuguese Sat/Sun
0900-0930 11900 SOF 020 kW / 306 deg WeEu BNREuranet English Sat/Sun
0900-1000 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu TDP Radio Dance Music Tue
0900-1200 11900 SOF 020 kW / 306 deg WeEu BNRHorizont Bulgarian Mo-Th
0900-1200 6100 DEL 050 kW / 134 deg IND AIR various
1000-1100 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg WeEu TDP Radio Dance Music Wed
1000-1200 9730 KLG 015 kW / 220 deg WeEu VOR German
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Sept 9 via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See OKLAHOMA

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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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GRUNDIG G8

Well, after reading all the good things about this radio, I decided to get one. Purchased this afternoon at my local Radio Shack. I must say I'm impressed. FM is exceptional with that little whip antenna. Utica/Rome, Toronto, Peterborough, Buffalo and southern tier stations abound. Especially like the db gain and s/n meter feature, and the "slow" tuning mode. This radio will complement my Sony and Sangean tuners. Those who were wanting a travel DX unit, this is it. Nothing really negative to say about it. For \$50 it can't be beat--a best buy!
(Jim Pizzi 15 miles ese of Rochester, NY, Sept 11, WTFDA via DXLD)

LIGHTNING

I have been out of service lately. Last Friday we had a very bad lightning and thunder storm in this area and it was difficult to avoid all of the static electricity bouncing off of the structures around here. I heard a couple of loud claps over my dwelling that sounded rather ominous, but I had disconnected all of my equipment. So I had nothing to worry about, or did I? None of my receivers were hit, but my TV antenna amplifier took a hit and so did my computer modem via the telephone line. Live and learn. I think I am going to start passing on these failures to my homeowners insurance?

Last year during the raining season, a similar incident occurred. A very serious lightning storm was in progress with lightning hitting all around the area. I had disconnected my antennas and grounding from my receivers. However, one bolt of lightning found one of my antenna feedlines and traveled along into my house even though the line had been disconnected with nowhere to go; the lightning exploded in a ball of static electricity inside my home. Talk about one's life flashing before his eyes? Even when everything is disconnected, the power that exists in these storms is awesome and a mere space of a few inches

between the receiver and the antenna line, isn't going to stop a billion watts of power from getting into one's equipment. It seems like a billion to me (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DXING STUDIO-TRANSMITTER LINX

Nice sig from WPTR993 Miser Hill, NY on 948.0 MHz with WSLJ 88.9 Watertown. Heard long TOH ID from WSLU 89.5 Canton & all its rebroadcasters, including WSLJ. Distance is 195 miles - my best yet in this band.

Unlike almost all other STL's I've received so far, this one must be horizontally-polarized, as it comes in great on my TV antenna, but is super weak on the vertical log-p (William R Hepburn, Grimsby ON CAN 43 10 59.4 -79 33 34.5, <http://dxinfocentre.com/hepburn/> 0312 UT Sept 9, WTFDA via DXLD)

STLs can be either horizontal or vertical polarization. They also use very directional antennas made by companies like Scala or Mark. If they are aimed at you, then it may be the equivalent of a hundred or so watts ERP. If they aren't aimed at you, then even close ones can be below the noise. Most STL transmitters are less than ten watts output. The antenna can have more than 10 db gain (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, *ibid.*)

``Other thing is 946.0 is usually WRMM 101.3 Rochester. They sure do close space these STL's.''

Translators tend to use VERY directional antennas (indeed, if I recall properly the FCC *requires* them to use antennas of at least some minimum directionality). They're point-to-point so there's nothing to be lost by using a DA, and as you've observed it allows them to stuff in more STLs in a given chunk of band (Doug Smith, TN, *ibid.*)

LIVESTATION

Let me tell you about Livestation. It is a software application that allows you to watch Al Jazeera English, CBC, or listen to BBC World Service, VOA, World Radio Network, etc. (basically any stream over the net). Users can add a station if has not been already added. Also, there is a really cool chat function where people can talk to each other about programming, etc. The practical side of this is that when I am tired of listening to BBC World Service I can quickly change to VOA, WRN or another station of my preference. No more fumbling for websites.

As of now, Livestation is in version 2.7 but a new version is expected

any day (2.9). This will allow users to view multiple screens (up to 4) at the same time and other enhancements. You do need to download the software and create a Livestation account. It is free and the people from Livestation would love to have you as a listener.

http://www.livestation.com/downloads?tracker=main_menu

Let me know if you have questions. Best (Charles Harlich, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PROPAGATION

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SPOTLESS AUGUST

Monthly Ri Report

:Issued: 2009 Sep 01 0716 UTC

:Product: documentation at <http://www.sidc.be/products/ri>

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MONTHLY REPORT THE INTERNATIONAL SUNSPOT NUMBER

from the SIDC (RWC-Belgium)

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Provisional International monthly mean Sunspot Number for August 2009 : 0.0 (zero point zero)

all zeroes

Provisional daily International Sunspot Numbers for August 2009 :

1.. 0	6.. 0	11.. 0	16.. 0	21.. 0	26.. 0	31.. 0
2.. 0	7.. 0	12.. 0	17.. 0	22.. 0	27.. 0	
3.. 0	8.. 0	13.. 0	18.. 0	23.. 0	28.. 0	
4.. 0	9.. 0	14.. 0	19.. 0	24.. 0	29.. 0	
5.. 0	10.. 0	15.. 0	20.. 0	25.. 0	30.. 0	

63 cooperating stations September 1, 07 UT

Predictions of the monthly smoothed Sunspot Number using the last provisional value, calculated for February 2009 : 1.9 (+-5%)

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2009 Mar 2 3	2009 Sep 14 8	2010 Mar 22 19
Apr 2 3	Oct 15 9	Apr 23 21
May 2 4	Nov 16 10	May 25 23
Jun 11 5	Dec 18 12	Jun 0 26
Jul 12 6	2010 Jan 19 14	Jul 0 28
Aug 13 7	Feb 20 16	Aug 0 31

SM : SIDC classical method : based an interpolation of Waldmeier's standard curves; the estimated error ranges from 7% (first month) to 35% (last month)

CM : Combined method : the combined method is a regression technique coupling a dynamo-based estimator with Waldmeier's idea of standard curves, due to K. Denkmayr.

ref. : K. Denkmayr, P. Cugnon, 1997 : "About Sunspot Number Medium-Term Predictions", in "Solar-Terrestrial Prediction Workshop V", eds. G. Heckman et al., Hiraiso Solar Terrestrial Research Center, Japan, 103

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(via George Jacobs, DXLD)
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WOW! Nowhere in this long solar minimum period that we are going through, I do not recall that we have had a month like this past August, in which the sun's surface was completely devoid of sunspots.

Solar scientists are really puzzled by this, and the possible effects it might have upon the earth's atmosphere, let alone HF radio propagation. 73, (George Jacobs, P.E., Broadcast Engineers Since 1941, Life Fellow, IEEE; Fellow Radio Club of America, Marquis "Who's Who in the World" Tel: 301-598-1282; Fax: 301 598 7788, george @ gjainc.com <http://www.gjainc.com> SKYPE philatelist WORLD OF RADIO 1477, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello George! As I write at 1620 UT 7th September: Right now from around 1500 past 1620 as I write a complete blackout of signals from Europe and the northern latitudesly stations from the East are coming through. I suspect a geomagnetic storm is in progress. Any info you can get me what is happening tonight from the experts will be welcome!! 73 (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, Sept 7, ibid.) ####